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President Bill Clinton (r) welcomes Russian President Boris Yeltsin to the Oval Office yesterday for a two-day summit. (Reuters)

## Yeltsin, Clinton praise warm peace

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton greeted Russian President Boris Yeltsin with a handshake and a hug yesterday, saying they would discuss differences in a "climate of warm peace, not cold war."

Yeltsin responded that neither America nor Russia is an easy country to deal with, but said that makes it "all the more exciting" to join hands in partnership.

"The dialogue between the Russian and American presidents has begun in earnest," Yeltsin proclaimed before meeting privately with Clinton.

As they began their talks in the Oval Office, it became clear that Bosnia was a major area of disagreement.

Asked how he would respond if the US presses for lifting the arms embargo against the Bosnian government, Yeltsin replied, "My response will be negative, of course."

Clinton said the difference might prove meaningless because the Bosnian government has said it "may be interested in deferring any action on that for four to six months."

### News agencies

But the two discussed the possibility of an international conference on Bosnia, a Yeltsin aide told reporters.

On the first day of a two-day summit, Yeltsin broached the possibility of an international meeting on Bosnia, according to senior Yeltsin aide Viktor Ilyushin. "Yeltsin suggested the conference, and Clinton supported the idea," he told reporters.

Yeltsin himself told reporters he had reached a compromise during his talks with Clinton, but declined to discuss it further.

"We talked for three hours instead of 30 minutes," Yeltsin said. "We had a very frank conversation. As always, there were some pluses and some minuses, but we have reached a compromise... It would take the whole lunch to tell you what we talked about."

At ceremonies on the White House lawn, Clinton stressed areas of increasing US-Russian cooperation and praised Yeltsin's role in reforming Russia.

He declared the two countries are "growing

closer together, replacing suspicion and fear with trust and cooperation."

"Today we meet not as adversaries, but as partners in the quest for a more prosperous and a more peaceful planet," Clinton said. "In so many areas, our interest no longer conflict; they coincide, and where we do disagree, we can discuss our differences in a climate of warm peace, not cold war."

"The United States is a strong partner and not an easy one to deal with, just like Russia," Yeltsin said. But he predicted their two days of meetings would result in "great progress."

The two leaders embraced when Yeltsin and his wife arrived for the South Lawn ceremony that included all the pomp of a formal state visit, with full military honors.

The agenda for their meetings included discussions of how to achieve further reductions in their nuclear arsenals and how to maintain control of nuclear materials.

Yeltsin was to meet with US business leaders and try to convince them that his country has become a safe and profitable place for Western investment.

## Merom: Labor should drop objection to Palestinian state

### SARAH HONG

THE Labor Party was thrown into turmoil yesterday when MK Haggai Merom published his proposals for overhauling the party and rewriting its platform.

His suggestions included eliminating the clauses opposing a Palestinian state and any withdrawal from the Golan Heights, and giving the Arabs a foothold in Jerusalem in the form of a "Palestinian embassy" at the Orient House.

Merom was appointed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to head a committee to reorganize the party.

The party's internal problems also deepened when MK Avi Yehzekel joined with the Likud's David Magen in sponsoring a private member's bill demanding that a Golan referendum be held within the next two months.

Yehzekel said he is aware that Rabin may seek to invoke party discipline against him, but said he is determined to go ahead regardless of what Rabin may do to stop him. (See story on Page 2.)

Foreign Shimon Peres, interviewed on *Mabat* from New York, hit out at Labor MKs rebelling against the government over the Golan Heights. Peres said "the Labor faction, and its partner, have a majority of 61. A single Knesset member can make a mockery of the other 60. This is unacceptable."

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram told *Mabat* Israel should withdraw completely from the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria.

"If we can achieve full peace with the Syrians with the price being a complete withdrawal from the Golan, we should agree," Baram said.

Merom defended his suggestions by saying that he "merely

produced the document on party reorganization that I was asked to put together by the prime minister. As to the platform, it is unrealistic to expect that it would remain as it was in 1991 despite all the very dramatic developments which have taken place since it was drafted."

His proposals support "as great a pullback [on the Golan] as is necessary to reach agreement with Syria, as long as proper security arrangements are made and Israel's water supply is safeguarded." He foresees the evacuation of settlers from the Golan and suggests they receive financial compensation. He also wants to see compensation for settlers to be removed from Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, even before an agreement on these areas is finalized.

The Jewish Agency, according to Merom, ought to be abolished and the Law of Return should be amended "to prevent the wholesale emigration to Israel of large numbers of non-Jews and of so-called 'lost tribes.'"

As for party reorganization, Merom envisions a collective leadership with a number of secretaries, each assigned to dealing with a separate facet of party activity, headed by a chairman. The present office of secretary-general would be abolished.

The proposals were criticized by several figures within the party. Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish called them "a sure recipe for the disintegration of the Labor Party and its disappearance as a viable political force."

"Labor is losing the political center and driving a greater and greater wedge between itself and the mainstream," said MK Yoram Lass. "The result could be electorally disastrous. Merom should be removed from the committee for

reorganizing the party and he should go to Meretz, where his heart is anyway."

The Likud issued a statement saying that "the sharp lurch to the left by Labor has rendered it and Meretz totally indistinguishable. Labor has abandoned the center of the political arena, and there is no justification for the extreme left to campaign under two different names. Labor and Meretz are posing as separate parties and supposedly vying with each other, all as part of a great hoax being played on the electorate. For the sake of minimal honesty, these two identical twins ought to merge and run on a single list because they stand for a single platform."

Tsomet repeated its call for "new elections immediately because today's Labor Party is obviously not the party Israelis thought they voted for in 1992."

Molede's Rehavam Ze'evi said that Labor "doesn't need to repair its platform as it is in any case implementing the Meretz and Darawshe [Democratic Arab Party] platforms."

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni (Meretz), however, liked what Merom had to say, arguing that "only arch-conservatives can ignore the radical changes in our region and the need to recognize the right of the neighboring nation to self-determination and full equality."

Meretz Knesset faction chairman Ran Cohen said "the right's hysteria is a brazen attempt to interfere in the affairs of other parties."

But Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said that "at a time when the question of peace stands in the balance, and the balance is tilting positively, it is neither correct nor wise to make structural changes — especially such basic ones."

## Bezek reconsidering telecard with Rabin, Hussein, and Clinton

### JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEK officials will decide today whether to put on sale 400,000 telecards with a photo of Prime Minister Rabin, President Clinton, and King Hussein shaking hands in Washington.

Director-General Yitzhak Kaul, who had approved the theme "based strictly on commercial considerations," said last night he would reconsider the matter after it was suggested that a photo of Rabin could arouse charges of "politicization" among the opposition and certain sectors of the public.

Kaul said the idea of putting photo on a phone card came from the company's marketing department. A ceremony at which Rabin is to receive the first card has been scheduled for Sunday in the Prime Minister's Office.

Kaul said that since he had invited Rabin and Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni to the ceremony, he would have to consult with them on whether to withdraw the sale of all the

telecards, or to go ahead and offer them to the public.

In the past, Bezek has put a variety of themes on its phone cards. From a series of soccer teams to nature photographs in cooperation with the Society for the Protection of Nature. A political figure, especially a controversial one like Rabin, has never appeared on a telecard.

"I regard the occasion in Washington, when the prime minister and the king of Jordan shook hands, as a symbol of peace," Kaul said. However, he conceded that it is possible that despite broad national consensus on the Washington agreement, the photo of Rabin might upset some potential Bezek customers.

On second thought, he said that perhaps a telecard showing the late premier Menachem Begin shaking hands with the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat on the White House lawn would balance it out and mark the anniversary of the peace accords with Egypt.

## 300 Palestinian ex-prisoners 'missing'

### ALON PINKAS

SOME 300 released Palestinian prisoners, living in Jericho under the terms of their release for the last two months, have reportedly fled the city in fear of their lives. They are believed to be hiding in Judea and Samaria from possible vengeance by families of collaborators with Israel, whom they had reportedly murdered.

Defense sources said last night the 300 are part of a group of 550 Palestinians who have been released over the past two to three months. Most were convicted of murdering alleged collaborators.

According to one source, "171 were given permission by Israel to return to their homes in Judea and Samaria." Some of these are thought to be part of the group that left Jericho.

The sources said the General Security Service, in cooperation with the Palestinian Preventive Security Service, will try to locate the missing men, some of whom who are not allowed to move freely in the territories.

## First witness in Dinitz trial testifies today

### EVELYN GORDON

THE first witness in the trial of Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz will be heard today in Jerusalem District Court.

Dinitz was indicted in March on charges of aggravated fraud and breach of trust. According to the indictment, he ran up personal expenses of \$22,000 with two credit cards provided by the Jewish Agency — an American Express card and a Sims clothing store card — over a four-year period.

Instead of reimbursing the agency for these outlays, he allegedly presented a false list of his itineraries and activities abroad to justify them.

Following media allegations, including an investigative report in *The Jerusalem Post Magazine*, and a subsequent investigation by the agency comptroller, however, he has since repaid some of the money.

Dinitz pleaded not guilty to the charges, which carry a maximum sentence of five years.

The case will be heard by Judge Shalom Brenner. Some 30 prosecution witnesses are expected to testify, including past



Simcha Dinitz  
(Elyahu Harari)

and present agency staffers. Dinitz will be represented by attorney Uri Wagnan.

Dinitz, 65, has been chairman of the agency for the past seven years. However, he has been on a leave of absence since February 14, when the contents of the indictment were made public.

## High-level water talks with Jordan

### DAVID MAKOVSKY

A SENIOR security official, who has been involved in behind-the-scenes contacts with Jordan, is now holding quiet top-level talks in Amman in a bid to bridge differences on water and border demarcation issues, sources have indicated.

Jordanian Information Minister Jawad Anani said this week that "when these issues and security concerns are resolved satisfactorily, Jordan would be willing to sign a peace treaty."

In speaking to the Middle East Policy Council in Washington on Monday, Anani also suggested that a treaty would not be contingent upon similar treaties between Israel and other Arab countries.

"Jordan is prepared to sign a peace treaty with Israel once the outstanding issues are negotiated and settled to the satisfaction of all," he said. "There would be no

point in conducting peace talks otherwise. But a peace treaty has to have content, and we are at present building that content. We do not want to ignore difficult problems now and hope they will resolve themselves at a later date, for we know that a worthwhile treaty must anticipate problems and provide appropriate mechanisms for their resolution.

"The outstanding areas of border, water, and security must, therefore, be dealt with before any treaty can be signed. We have agreed on some general principles, mechanisms, and modalities in these areas, but in terms of substantive, detailed, and sustainable agreements, there is still work to do."

Anani distinguished between the ingredients for a peace treaty and issues that had to be resolved

before a broad regional peace could be achieved. "Some areas which are not solely the concern of Jordan and Israel must be addressed in advance of any comprehensive and viable regional peace. Foremost among these are the issues of refugees and Jerusalem," he said.

Earlier in his speech, Anani suggested that Jordan would not wait for other Arab states to reach a peace. "I would like to note here that on the issue of comprehensiveness, Jordan has always sought coordination between the concerned parties. However, our commitment to comprehensive peace does not mean we must sign a peace treaty at exactly the same time as other states, but that a prior breakthrough would be desired."

President Bill Clinton is hosting

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan next week, and there is speculation that should a breakthrough be reached on water and border issues, the progress could be announced then.

Chief negotiator with Jordan Elyakim Rubinstein, who sources say is involved in the quiet top-level negotiations, refused to comment on the existence of such quiet talks.

When one senior official was asked whether the water issue with Jordan had already been resolved, he replied, "There are exaggerations."

It remains unclear if two developments in the last few days are related to these quiet talks in Amman. First, Hassan cut short a planned visit to Washington, and flew home. Second, an official negotiating session between Jordan and Israel was suddenly canceled.

## Jordan renounces religious links to areas

### JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

JORDAN yesterday renounced its religious links to Judea, Samaria, and Gaza in a move apparently aimed at avoiding further bickering with the PLO, but retained its religious claims to Jerusalem.

A four-page statement issued by the government of Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali said Jordan was also dismissing hundreds of employees working at nearly 40 religious sites in the territories.

The statement, read on national TV, stressed that Jordan will continue to "support the Palestinians by all means and ways and will not allow any side to harm the deep-rooted relations between the Palestinian and Jordanian people."

Over the years, Jordan has spent millions of dollars for the upkeep of holy shrines scattered around the territories and Jerusalem. Officials say the kingdom spends \$9 million annually for the shrines and for salaries.

Relations between Jordan and the Palestine National Authority (PA) grew strained after the July 25 signing of a Jordanian-Israeli declaration, in which Israel acknowledged a special Jordanian role in Jerusalem Muslim sites.

That angered the Palestinians, who saw the clause as an attempt to undercut their claim for political sovereignty over Jerusalem. The PA also appointed a minister for maintaining holy shrines in the territories and Jerusalem.

The Jordanian statement, quoting the King, said: "There have been attempts by some employees of the Palestine National Authority to create a conflict with the kingdom over its historic role which preserved the Arab and Muslim holy sites."

It said this included the "harassment" of Jordanian employees working for Islamic shrines in the territories and taking unilateral decisions, sidestepping Jordan's religious claims to the territories.

The statement said Jordan decided to maintain legal and administrative responsibility over religious sites and courts in

Jerusalem.

In Jericho yesterday, the PA's Islamic affairs minister welcomed Jordan's decision to sever its religious ties with the territories.

"I think it's a good step in the right direction," Minister Hassan Tahboub told *The Associated Press*.

"If Israel disengaged itself from several departments in the West Bank, why not Jordan? It seems that King Hussein has realized that the Palestinians must take care of their own affairs, like any other country in the world," he said.

Arafat had named Tahboub on September 10 as minister of Islamic affairs, a move that was seen as an open challenge to Jordan, whose Wafk (Islamic Trust) runs dozens of Muslim sites in the territories and Jerusalem.

Tahboub said yesterday he is confident the dispute over Jerusalem could be settled, and hinted that the Palestinians would not insist on exclusive control.

"Jerusalem is for all Muslims and we cannot ban any Muslim from claiming his right to Jerusa-



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# Hundreds expected to join 24-hour fast with Golan hunger strikers

HUNDREDS of people are expected to join the Golan hunger strikers today in a 24-hour fast in solidarity with the campaign to retain Israeli sovereignty over the region.

A spokesman for the Golan Settlers Committee said that members of the public from throughout the country had promised they would visit the Golan protest tent and join the fast in support of the fight against any withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

"We don't know how many people will take part, but from the pledges we have received we expect several hundred and up to as many as 1,000 people to join in the fast," said Uri Heitner, who with other activists will today begin their 18th day on hunger strike.

Heitner, from Kibbutz Ortal, said

that doctors who examined two of the hunger strikers at the scene determined they needed medical treatment.

One of them was Katzin local council head Sami Bar-Lev who was taken to Poriya Hospital Sunday after collapsing at the hunger strikers' protest tent.

He resumed his fast on Monday following treatment at the hospital which included several food transfusions. He was given further treatment at the site yesterday.

The hunger strikers have made it clear that they will end their fast if the government announces its willingness to hold a referendum before the

end of the year over the future of the Golan. So far, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has rejected the demands. More than 185,000 people have visited the Golan protest tent since the hunger strike began on September 11, according to organizers at the site.

The hunger strikers yesterday rejected proposals presented by Labor MK Haggai Merom that the government should compensate all those who would be evacuated from the Golan.

"It's a crying shame that somebody who is supposed to represent the kibbutz movement should even suggest the idea that money buys everything. I call on him to resign his

post," said Heitner.

"At least he has revealed the real face of the Labor party which is a third-class representation of Raiz, and that there is no connection today between the Labor party and the labor movement," said Heitner.

Labor MK Avigdor Kahalani told visitors to the site yesterday that he was prepared to continue the fight to keep the Golan under Israeli rule to the bitter end, even if it meant losing his Knesset seat.

Kahalani, who is head of the Knesset Golan lobby, attacked Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni and accused her of being a hypocrite. He maintained that she would fight against any transfer of Arabs, but was prepared to accept the transfer of 13,000 Jews from the Golan.

DAVID RUDGE

## Menem to seek Assad-Rabin meeting

ARGENTINIAN President Carlos Menem told Foreign Minister Shimon Peres here yesterday that he would try to arrange a meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian President Hafez Assad when he visits the Syrian leader in Damascus at the end of November.

Peres, who arrived in New York Monday morning, is pressing for greater international political and financial support for the peace process in a series of meetings with leaders gathered here for the opening of the 49th UN General Assembly.

In addition to more than two dozen scheduled meetings between his arrival and next Monday, when he leaves for Washington, Peres is expected to meet with representatives of several countries which do not have relations with Israel.

At a half-hour meeting yesterday, Menem asked Peres what he could do to facilitate the peace process during his upcoming visit to Syria. Peres said Assad's insistence on keeping negotiations at the level of lower ministers, rather than face-to-face talks between the two leaders, is the major impediment to progress. Menem pledged to push Assad to agree to such a meeting.

Menem expressed his "sorrow" at July's terrorist bombing of the Buenos Aires Jewish community center, which killed 100 people. After the meeting, Peres told reporters he "understood the difficulties" Argentina is facing in trying to apprehend those responsible for the attack, saying that Argentina "does not have much experience in dealing with that kind of terrorism."

Peres stressed, however, that he believes Menem is pursuing the matter seriously and that the international effort to find the perpetrators would eventually succeed.

On Monday, Menem was presented with the 1994 World Statesman Award by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an ecumenical organization of religious and business leaders concerned with human rights protection worldwide. Rabbi Avi Weiss led a demonstration outside, protesting that Menem has not done enough to apprehend the terrorist bombers.

Also on Monday, Peres asked British Foreign Minister Douglas Hurd to encourage the European Community

SUE FISHKOFF  
NEW YORK

to allow Israel to export larger quotas of agricultural goods to the EC, to compensate Israeli farmers for the loss of domestic markets to cheaper-priced Palestinian produce. He also urged British support for a Middle East regional development bank, a government priority for several years now.

Hurd reiterated the British government's support for the peace process and said he recently heard positive statements from Assad. Hurd said he believes Assad "trusts the Americans" and feels the peace process is moving in the right direction.

Peres introduced Tamar Arad, wife of missing IDF airman Ron Arad, to Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, and asked for China's help in locating him. Peres also asked China to use its influence with Iran to mitigate that country's hostility towards the peace process, and urged that China block North Korean attempts to sell arms to Middle East countries still at war with Israel.

Canadian Foreign Minister Andre

Ouellet told Peres Canada would gladly take part in any Middle East peacekeeping campaign if requested.

Peres suggested that a free trade zone agreement be signed between Canada and Israel, similar to the one between Israel and the US. Ouellet replied that Canada would consider such an agreement if it appears "mutually beneficial."

In a meeting with the president and foreign minister of Mexico, Peres asked Mexico to contribute \$15 million to the Palestinian Authority for administrative costs in the Gaza Strip. President Salinas said his government would consider the request.

Spain's Foreign Minister Javier Solana Madariaga discussed with Peres several proposed bilateral projects among Israel, Spain, and Morocco.

Many foreign ministers said they would attend the Casablanca Conference on Economic Development next month and several, including the Canadian and Chinese ministers, indicated they would visit Israel in the near future.

Peres is to address the UN General Assembly tomorrow. He will meet with UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali on Friday.



The Princess of Hanover (left) and Princess of Hessen stroll through David's Citadel yesterday in Jerusalem. The two arrived on a cruise accompanied by Sir Yehudi and Lady Menuhin. (Avi Hirschfeld)

## Minutes after Marzel freed, his supporters threaten Arab family

News agencies

THE last Jewish prisoner being held under administrative detention, outlawed Kach movement head Baruch Marzel, was freed from Hasharon Prison on Monday morning. Within minutes of his release, however, followers threatened the family of a Palestinian detainee at gunpoint.

Marzel, who was held for six months, was one of nine men held without trial after his extremist anti-Arab movement was banned following the February massacre in Hebron, when a settler gunged down 29 worshippers in a mosque.

The IDF has ordered Marzel to remain under house arrest in his home in the Tel Rumeida enclave in Hebron for six months, starting yesterday. During this period Marzel is also

barred from meeting other members of Kach. Before the ban went into effect, he used Monday to meet with Kach activists.

When Marzel stepped out of Hasharon Prison, about a dozen supporters greeted him with chants and carried him on their shoulders.

Minutes later, a Palestinian prisoner, Shifa Ahmed, was released after completing a three-year term for an attempt to stab a soldier. Marzel's entourage began chanting "Death to the Arabs" as she walked past.

A scuffle ensued between Kach followers and Ahmed's family, which had come to pick her up and drive her home to Jerusalem. Police stepped in and ushered Ahmed's family out.

## PA policemen get three months for striking soldiers

JON IMMANUEL  
and item

TWO Palestinian policemen charged with striking IDF soldiers in an incident near Gush Katif last month were sentenced yesterday to three months in jail by a Khan Yunis court, according to relatives who told AFP.

The two were identified as Khaled Abdel Nabi and Mohammed Abu Rahala. The incident was reported to the joint liaison committee, and the two policemen were arrested.

An Islamic Jihad prisoner held in connection with the death of an IDF soldier near Morag last month escaped from prison yesterday, according to Palestinian reports.

Sufian Abu Jidjan was the second prisoner reported to have escaped. Another was reported last week to have walked out of a hospital where he was supposed to be under guard. Some 13 others are in jail.

Meanwhile, three Izzadine Kassam members arrested 10 days ago while visiting a wounded comrade in the hospital began a hunger strike. Three others were released last week.

Mohammed Abu Shamaleh was wounded by agents of the Preventive Security Force while trying to drive away from a roadblock in Rafiah and is in deteriorating condition.

Hamas issued a leaflet, calling on Izzadine Kassam, its military wing, "to practice self-control and endure pain," in apparent anticipation of the possibility that Abu Shamaleh may die of his wounds.

Fatah also issued a leaflet in Rafiah calling "for all weapons to be taken off the streets, to prevent the dominant rule of gangs."

Elsewhere in the Gaza Strip, an IDF patrol arrested a Palestinian Police officer driving a stolen car.

The patrol noticed a suspicious vehicle without license plates, and soldiers ordered the driver to stop. A check indicated the car was a stolen Israeli vehicle, and the officer was detained for questioning.

In other incidents, an Arab woman was wounded by gunfire in the Ramallah area, apparently when three youths tried to kidnap her husband.

The IDF banned secondary Simkat Torah processions near the Machpelah Cave in Hebron. The processions were held at Tel Rumeida, to mark the return of Baruch Marzel, head of the outlawed Kach party, and in Kiryat Arba.

Soldiers slightly wounded two Arabs yesterday in Bidu, northwest of Jerusalem, when they opened fire after stones were thrown at them. Several incidents in the village have followed the killing of a Bidu resident by soldiers as he tried to evade the A-Ram checkpoint last week.

## Palestinian Energy Center opens in capital

JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestinian Energy Center opened its headquarters in Jerusalem on Monday and a branch office in Gaza yesterday.

According to the daily newspaper Al-Quds, the office in Beit Hamina is part of European Community assistance to developing countries and is not part of its assistance to the Palestinian Authority.

However, the office is headed by PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath. TEAM, the planning consultancy company he founded, is situated nearby. The center has been functioning unofficially since January.

The office will be staffed by engineers and study ways to conserve and seek new sources of energy.

## Thousands attend Hakafof Shni'ot

THOUSANDS of people jammed Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Park for last night's traditional Hakafof Shni'ot, marking the end of Simchat Torah.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert were among the participants, as were representatives of the evangelical Christian here for the annual Feast of Tabernacles pilgrimage. They donated two Torah mantles. (item)

## Two MKs sponsor bill demanding referendum on Golan's fate within two months

SARAH HONG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin found himself faced with another rebellion on the Golan issue yesterday. Labor MKs Avi Yehzekel has joined with the Likud's David Magen in sponsoring private member's bill demanding that a Golan referendum be held within the next two months.

Rabin hotly opposes the idea of a referendum before a final agreement with the Syrians can be presented to the electorate. Yehzekel and Magen say they are out to prevent the exploitation of such a *fait accompli*, and claim they have the backing of the Golan hunger-strikers, who have vowed to end their fast should such

legislation for a speedy referendum be adopted.

Yehzekel said he is aware that Rabin may seek to invoke party discipline against him, but said he is determined to go ahead regardless of what Rabin may do to stop him.

The new move comes after Avigdor Kahalani and several other Labor MKs introduced a private member's bill mandating special majorities to approve any withdrawal from the Golan, be it in the Knesset or in a referendum.

Rabin plans to summon the Labor

Knesset faction today to sum up its protracted deliberations over the Golan issue. The faction will then have to decide whether to impose party discipline to prevent the dissident MKs from going ahead with their bills. One idea gaining currency among Labor leaders is to allow the bills to be introduced, but then to quietly bury them in committee.

The Knesset returns from its summer recess on Tuesday, and Shas has served Rabin with an ultimatum whereby if its demands for legislation circumventing High Court decisions

affecting the religious status quo are not met by then, it will actively join the opposition and vote for the Golan bills which Rabin opposes.

The Likud's David Mena has also introduced a bill on the Golan issue. He wants the High Court of Justice to formulate the referendum question on the Golan, charging that to leave this in Rabin's hands would produce a loaded question which would warp the results.

Tsomet intends to introduce a no-confidence motion charging that Rabin "intends a full withdrawal from the entire Golan prior to the next elections."

## Israeli officials leave for Bahrain

LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

A SIX-MEMBER Foreign Ministry team left last night for the first visit by Israeli officials to Bahrain, to prepare for a trip there by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

Israel and Bahrain do not have official relations but the Gulf state has followed the lead of neighbors Oman and Qatar which have hosted Israeli delegations as part of the multinational talks. Kuwait is also scheduled to hold a round this year.

"The first official Israeli delegation will visit Bahrain to prepare for a meeting of the (multilateral peace talks) working group on the environment which will take place on the 25th and 26th of October," a foreign ministry official said.

Sarid's visit marks the first by an

Israeli minister in the Gulf although other high level officials have visited the area, including Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin who accompanied the multilateral talks on water in Oman in April.

Sarid's visit was initially opposed by Foreign Ministry officials. They told *The Jerusalem Post* they did not want to raise the multilateral talks to the ministerial level.

Sarid denied that there had ever been opposition. "I have never been told by the ministry not to go, and its visit this week to prepare for my stay shows that I have enjoyed its full cooperation," Sarid told the *Post* last night. "The higher the level of the participants, the more meaningful the talks are," he added.

In deep pain and sorrow we mourn the loss of our devoted and beloved

### BEATRICE MALKA BURMAN

The funeral will leave today, Tishrei 23 5755 (28/9/94) at 1 p.m. from the Sanhedria funeral home.

Dr. Matthew and Estela Burman, Detroit, Michigan and their children: Gabriella and Naomi Danby and Dr. Marvin Meltal (Ring) Jerusalem and their children: Lyana, Talya, Yochai, and Matan  
Dorit-Daniella Krause and her children: Eli, Ariel and Gabi

The shiva will be at 14 Shahar St., Beit Hakerem

My beloved husband, our brother, and uncle

### LEO MICHAEL WEISS

is no more

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday September 28 1994, at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

His wife Liesel and the family

Deep and Sincere Condolences to the Riskin and Stern families on the passing of your mother

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## One killed, 9 hurt on roads

A HIT-AND-RUN driver killed a man yesterday evening who was walking with his wife along the side of the old Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road near Azor. The pedestrian, 24, from Jaffa, was run down from behind. Police are waiting for the wife to recover enough to provide details of the fleeing car.

In a second accident last night, three people were seriously injured, and a fourth man lightly hurt, when their car crossed a solid white line and collided with an oncoming car in Rishon LeZion.

Near Tulkarm yesterday, three border policemen were lightly injured when their vehicle overturned. Early yesterday, Guy Bohan of Ra'anana was lightly injured when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver while crossing the street at a cross walk. Police are seeking witnesses. (item)

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# US soldier's death in Haiti is suicide

## Deadly plague spreads across northern India

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NEW DELHI



A dazed plague victim lies in a Surat hospital yesterday as his mother looks on. More than 50 persons have died in the week-old pneumonic plague in the northwestern Indian city. (AP)

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Reuters) — Thousands of hungry Haitians looted a European-funded food warehouse yesterday, fighting with each other for bags of rice and beans, witnesses said.

Meanwhile, the US military reported the first fatality of an American soldier in Haiti — apparently of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Pentagon said that the US soldier apparently committed suicide while his unit was securing a government-owned villa in Port-au-Prince for use by exiled parliamentarians returning to the country.

"On-scene US authorities are calling it an apparent suicide and are investigating it as such," Pentagon spokesman Dennis Boxx said in Washington. The death was the first American fatality in Haiti since US troops went into the Caribbean country eight days ago to help restore democracy.

A defense official who spoke on condition he not be identified later said the soldier had apparently been distressed over a domestic problem.

Witnesses said more than 2,000 looters carried off bags of rice and beans from a charity warehouse in an impoverished slum of the Haitian capital called Jean Bosco.

An elderly woman was seriously injured when the crowd of people running from the building trampled over her, a Reuters photographer on the scene said.

People fought with each other for boxes and cans of food, witnesses said.

US forces yesterday sealed off parliament and City Hall, then surrounded the buildings with barbed wire in preparation for the return of the elected government of Jean-Bertrand Aristide which was ousted in a 1991 military coup.

At a military airfield near downtown Port-au-Prince, a buy-back program offering Haitians cash for handing in weapons got off to a slow start with only four people turning up in the first two hours. A rifle, two pistols and a tear gas canister were exchanged.

The buy-back program was part of the attempt to disarm the civilians and military helicopters flew over the city announcing the program.

The US forces are offering to pay the equivalent of \$50 to \$300 for weapons ranging from handguns to rocket launchers in a bid to defuse the danger of armed civilians in the violently polarized country.

Sources close to paramilitary groups said armed thugs attached to the Haitian military and known as "attachés" would not give up their guns because they would be unprotected from a population thirsting to get even as the military regime crumbles.

A total of 15,679 US troops have poured into Haiti since September 19 to secure the country for the return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Squads of American military police were to return for a second day to Port-au-Prince police stations in an effort to stop potential violence between police and Haitians seeking revenge for three years of brutal repression.

US officials said 10 deputies and two senators would return to Haiti in time for a special session of parliament called by President Aristide to debate a blanket amnesty for human rights violations demanded by Haiti's military as a condition for leaving power.

The session is scheduled for today at 2 p.m. and pro-Aristide members will be escorted to the parliament by a convoy of troops or diplomats, they said.

## CIA head: Iran's nuclear ambitions tied to Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran is counting on Russia as a key source of nuclear materials and know-how in a clandestine effort to become a nuclear power early in the coming decade, CIA Director R. James Woolsey says.

"We believe that Iran is eight to 10 years away from building nuclear weapons, and that help from the outside will be critical in reaching that timetable," Woolsey told a Washington think tank.

Woolsey spoke to a conference sponsored by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy last Friday. A text of his prepared remarks was released by the institute yesterday.

"Iran has been particularly active in trying to purchase nuclear materials or technology clandestinely from Russian sources," Woolsey said. He did not elaborate on the Russian connection, but he added that Iran also is trying to buy fully fabricated nuclear weapons as a shortcut to becoming a nuclear power.

Iran, as a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, has officially forsworn any nuclear weapons ambitions. It has not acknowledged trying to build nuclear weapons.

Woolsey also sounded an

alarm about Iraq's military ambitions.

While noting that enforcement of UN sanctions has paralyzed Iraq's nuclear weapons development, Woolsey said President Saddam Hussein is still hiding a chemical weapons arsenal and appears bent on preserving a nuclear weapons potential.

"Iraq has the largest pool of scientific and technical expertise in the Arab world — over 7,000 nuclear scientists and engineers alone," Woolsey said.

He said Iraq is accelerating construction of deep underground shelters and tunnels to produce and store weapons of mass destruction, such as chemical munitions.

Together, Iran and Iraq pose a significant threat to US interests in the Middle East, Woolsey said, even though the two nations fought an eight-year war in the 1980s.

"These two regimes are united in their opposition to the peace process, in their willingness to use terrorism, in their efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction, and in their desire to eliminate any outside powers which could thwart their ambitions," the CIA chief said.

## North Korean military holds up progress in nuclear talks with US

GENEVA (AP) — North Korean and US negotiators sought common ground yesterday in talks to ease nuclear tensions, but the North Korean military intervened to rule out any inspections of suspected nuclear sites.

"We can report no progress," an American statement said after a 3½-hour session at the US Mission to the European UN headquarters.

But the two sides agreed to a sixth day of talks today.

The current round has been beset by mutual recriminations, and delegates have been reviewing the whole range of issues before them in a bid to get the negotiations back on track.

North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kang Sok Ju and chief US negotiator Robert L. Gallucci met yesterday after receiving fresh instructions overnight from their governments.

## Nigeria names new military council

LAGOS (Reuters) — Nigerian leader General Sani Abacha tightened military rule in Africa's most populous country yesterday, naming a new all-military ruling council and dropping all four civilians who served on the old body.

An official statement said Abacha, who this month stifled unrest in members of a restructured and enlarged Provisional Ruling Council (PRC).

The new PRC — 25 military officers with Abacha as chairman — does not include four civilians in the council formed shortly after Abacha seized power in November during a crisis over the scrapping of last year's presidential election.

"The composition is in consonance with the ongoing rejuvena-

tion of government machinery as promised by the head of state," the statement from Abacha's office said.

Abacha signaled a major restructuring of his government last month when he announced the sacking of leaders of striking oil workers unions and Nigeria's labor federation in a crackdown against the pro-democracy opposition.

A two-month oil strike in support of Abacha, the wealthy Moslem businessman widely believed to have won the army-organized June 1993 presidential poll, petered out following the crackdown.

The restructuring of the PRC follows major reshuffling of the top brass of the armed forces, involving redeployment of dozens of officers in the army, navy and air force.

Abacha retained Lieutenant-General Oladipo Diya as his number two and brought into the PRC field commanders and many top brass from the defense ministry.

The statement said the attorney-general and the government's chief secretary, both civilians, would attend meetings of the council but not as members.

The ministers of internal affairs and external affairs, the national security adviser and former attorney-general Olu Onagoruwa, all civilians, were members of the old council.

Onagoruwa was sacked this month after he publicly disowned new decrees giving the military sweeping powers to deal with the opposition.

One law allows the government to detain anyone considered a security risk for three months without trial.

## Tutu slams Mandela in 'grave train' row

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu lashed out at his friend, President Nelson Mandela, yesterday in a growing row over "grave train" privileges for South Africa's first black legislators.

Tutu stood by his criticism last month of cabinet and parliamentary salary packages and said he was distressed by Mandela's condemnation of his stance.

"Disagreements are good for democracy but it is very distressing that the president should have like an ordinary politician by...impugning my integrity. It is beneath his stature," said Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize winner for his stand against apartheid.

The clash is the first public disagreement between Tutu and Mandela, who has been virtually untouched by sometimes fierce debate and criticism of his new government's actions and statements.

Mandela, addressing supporters of his ANC in Stellenbosch, near Cape Town, on Monday, dismissed public criticism of govern-

ment salaries as irresponsible.

"A well-known religious leader has criticized us for being involved in the grave train. He could have come to me to say: 'It is you Madiba, who is now involved in the grave train.' I would have given him the facts," he said.

"And yet a respected leader was unable to resist the temptation of jumping on the bandwagon and to criticise us without facts. In many ways I have considered that a lack of responsibility on his part," Mandela said.

South Africa's first democratically elected legislators and cabinet ministers, most of them black, have come under fire for accepting pre-democracy recommendations on salaries and perks.

On top of their salaries cabinet ministers receive a package including free accommodation and a car worth 39,200 rand (\$10,900) a month. Legislators earn a total of 16,100 rand (\$4,475) a month, with an additional 3,000 rand (\$835) monthly allowance for constituency expenses.

## Strained relations with Lebanon blamed for US envoy's departure

BEIRUT (AP) — US Ambassador Mark Hambley's departure early this month after only seven months on the job reflects a serious strain in relations between the United States and Lebanon, several Beirut newspapers claimed yesterday.

The US State Department attributed Hambley's departure three weeks ago to unspecified health reasons and said he would not be returning to his post, the Foreign Ministry said in a terse statement late Monday.

But many Beirut dailies claimed

Lebanon's refusal to undertake peace talks with Israel without the support or knowledge of its main ally, Syria, was behind Hambley's departure.

US officials in Washington yesterday dismissed the speculation, saying Hambley's health problems were such that he required monitoring in the United States. They did not say what the problems were.

"The speculation in the Beirut press is baseless," one official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

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# Jurors still sought for Simpson trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Attorneys sorted through a second batch of potential jurors in the O.J. Simpson double-murder case yesterday, looking for people who could shoulder the burden of serving in the most-watched murder trial in American history.

Several potential jurors who indicated they didn't want to serve were nonetheless selected to undergo additional inquiry by the judge and attorneys who were unconvinced by their excuses.

On Monday, the judge questioned, cajoled, even offered to use his influence in some cases, and suddenly many potential jurors who thought they couldn't serve had a change of heart.

An even 100 passed the first hurdle Monday, and were given 75-page questionnaires to fill out. They will return Oct. 12 for the next phase of jury selection: oral questioning about their backgrounds and beliefs.

Simpson, a former football star and sometime actor, is charged with the June 12 knifing murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. He has pleaded innocent.

On Monday, the first official day of the sensational trial, Simpson quietly sang "A new day has begun..." before facing some of his potential jurors for the first time.

Jury candidates were identified only by numbers, and the first to be questioned Monday was No. 0032. Simpson wore No. 32 as a college and professional football star, and the coincidence drew attention.

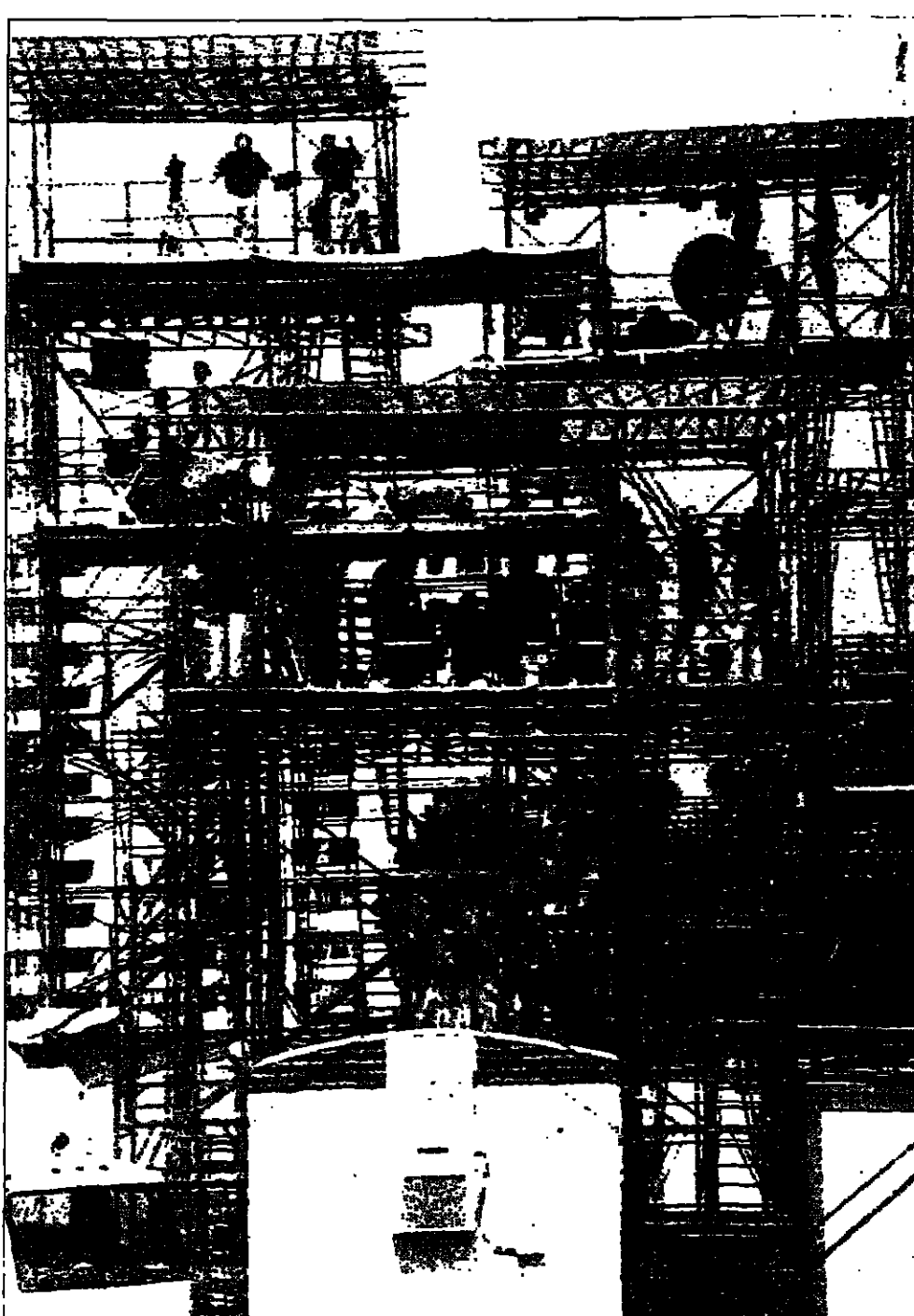
"I don't know if this is an omen," Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said. Simpson smiled. Potential jurors had to pass a phalanx of news crews, demonstrators and entrepreneurs outside the courthouse hawking everything from T-shirts and caps to buttons reading: "O.J. Juror Reject, Didn't Make the Cut."

Inside the courthouse, potential jurors entered a small room one-by-one. With Simpson a few feet meters away at a conference table, most of the potential jurors asked to be excused.

Reasons ranged from financial burdens to the need to take care of children or elderly relatives. One man said he had a ski vacation. A woman said she not only suffered diabetes, but had to take care of her 85-year-old mother and a husband with heart problems.

One man even called his doctor, who said the trial would exacerbate the patient's high blood pressure.

When Ito asked the man what kind of situations elevated his blood pressure, he replied: "Situations like this." He was excused.



Television news crews set up their equipment Monday on top of scaffolding opposite the Los Angeles Criminal Court as the O.J. Simpson trial began. (AP)

## Fergie furious over father's revelations

LONDON (AP) — Fergie is said to be furious with her father for writing about her love life, dad says he can't see Charles making king and dad's first wife says his affairs made her life hell.

Fergie, the best known name for the Duchess of York, appears to be putting on weight again. *And Diana? She's looking fine but is suffering from something called mob danger.*

London tabloids fished up another racy episode of royal soap yesterday and the show looks set to run and run and then some.

Fergie is furious with her 62-year-old father, Maj. Ronald Ferguson, Prince Charles' former polo manager, over his tell-all book of memoirs "The Galloping Major." The Sun reported. It said she's told friends: "I am very disappointed in my father."

The Sun had a picture of a heavy-looking Fergie taken Monday and said the red-haired duchess, who dieted drastically

after marrying the queen's second son Prince Andrew in July 1986, has obviously returned to food for comfort.

Fergie and Andrew, who are both 34 and have two daughters aged 4 and 6, separated in March 1992.

By contrast to Sarah looking frumpy in long baggy black skirt and shapeless sweatshirt, her sister-in-law Princess Diana looked sleek and elegant in a short-skirted beige suit as she attended a charity engagement at London's Royal College of Nursing on Monday.

Yesterday's *Daily Mirror*, under the headline "Picture that exposes Diana security scandal," pointed to safety fears for the princess.

She dismissed her police bodyguards after separating from Charles in December 1992.

The *Daily Express* stirred the pot yesterday with quotes from Sarah's mother, Susan Barreantes, who said Maj. Ferguson's philandering made

her life hell. She left him in 1974 and married an Argentine polo player.

"The years I spent with him were hellish. No self-respecting wife could have put up with it," Mrs. Barreantes, now a 56-year-old widow, told *Hullo* magazine. She has sold the British weekly a seven-part series.

Ferguson also remarried and lives with his second wife and their three children. A 34-year-old woman with whom he had an affair a few years ago has also sold a book about it.

In Monday's episode of his book, being serialized in *The Daily Mail*, Ferguson predicted Sarah will be reconciled with Andrew. The rival *Daily Express* quoted an unidentified courtier as saying they had agreed to divorce.

Ferguson wrote that Fergie would love to return to Andrew, but feared the prince would not stand up for her against snobbish, hostile courtiers. He also implied that Sarah had

affairs with two Americans while still with Andrew.

"My awful fear is that if it (a reconciliation) did happen, how long would she be able to stay on the straight and narrow?"

In yesterday's episode, Ferguson wrote of 45-year-old Charles: "He has lived in an ivory tower, surrounded by toadies (sycophants)... I don't see him succeeding to the throne."

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said speculation about the couple getting divorced or reconciled was "inappropriate."

Soon after Andrew and Sarah separated, newspapers published sneak photographs of her canoodling topos with her American financial adviser, John Bryan, in front of her children.

Maj. Ferguson said in his book that the "real slide to disaster" began when she started seeing another American, Steve Wyatt, in 1990 while Andrew, a Royal Navy officer, was at sea.

# Bosnia to ask for delay in lifting arms embargo

DAVOR HUC  
SARAJEVO

THE Bosnian government, scaling back earlier demands, was ready yesterday to support a delay in lifting the arms embargo as their Bosnian Serb foes kept up pressure on UN peacekeeping operations.

Bosnia's UN ambassador, Muhamed Sacirbey, said his Moslem-led government would ask the UN Security Council to support the lifting of the arms ban at a future date instead of taking immediate action.

"We are asking for lifting of the arms embargo to go ahead as planned but the practical application of that to be deferred to four to six months," Sacirbey told reporters late on Monday.

The proposal was aimed at patching up differences over the issue between Washington and its European allies, which have threatened to withdraw their peacekeeping troops from former Yugoslavia if arms were allowed to flow freely to the Moslems.

In Sarajevo, meanwhile, UN spokesmen reported that Bosnian Serb forces continued to block UN aid convoys and peacekeeping operations in retaliation for a NATO air raid last week and tougher sanctions imposed by the United Nations.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic was expected to explain why his government wanted a six-month delay in removing the arms embargo in an address yesterday to the UN General Assembly.

The US Congress had instructed President Bill Clinton to push the Security Council to lift the embargo if the Bosnian Serbs fail to accept an international peace plan by October 15.

"We require that nations commit themselves for the future in

the event that Bosnian Serbs have not accepted the peace agreement," Sacirbey said. "It would be a legal lifting but a practical deferral."

A deal would be just as important to Washington as to the Moslems, fearing a UN pullout would result in the probable loss of eastern enclaves and collapse of aid efforts as the winter set in.

Washington, increasingly concerned about the risks of lifting the embargo and the frayed ties the issue has created with Britain, France and Russia, said it was discussing a compromise that would postpone lifting the embargo.

But the United States wanted the United Nations to take a tougher stance in enforcing UN heavy weapons exclusion zones around Sarajevo and other Moslem enclaves.

In a speech to the UN General Assembly on Monday, Clinton said the Bosnian capital Sarajevo "once again faces the prospect of strangulation" by besieging Bosnian Serb forces and urged the United Nations to show a new resolve to save it.

He said "NATO stands ready to act" as it did last Thursday when NATO jets destroyed a Bosnian Serb tank west of Sarajevo in a punitive raid that followed Serb attacks on peacekeepers.

UN officials suspended relief convoys in Serb-held parts of Bosnia after Serbs warned their safety could not be guaranteed, Peter Kessler of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said.

Serb forces have brought UN operations to a standstill following

the air raid and one UN source described relations between Serbs and the United Nations as being "at their worst."

The Serbs blocked overland supply routes to the city and forced the United Nations to suspend its airlift to Sarajevo after a Bosnian Serb officer warned that his men would fire on any aircraft using the city's main air gateway.

The NATO bombing infuriated the Bosnian Serbs and their leader Radovan Karadzic told Reuters, on Monday: "If there are going to be more air strikes, then there is going to be war between us and the international community. We are cornered and we will fight as we fought the Austro-Hungarian empire and Hitler."

"We will fight the United Nations if turns against us. If NATO comes here we will fight NATO," he said.

But Karadzic has agreed to ease a 12-day utility blockade of Sarajevo, allowing gas supplies to return tentatively to parts of the city. A UN-brokered agreement called for repair teams to be allowed access to damaged electricity pylons around the city, while power would be restored to Serb-held areas in Bosnia.

In Belgrade, international mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg held talks yesterday with the head of an international mission sent to check the efficacy of Belgrade's military blockade against the Bosnian Serbs. They also planned to meet Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic.

The Security Council has voted to relax UN sanctions on rump Yugoslavia once the monitoring mission delivers a report verifying that Belgrade has cut military aid to Bosnian Serbs. (Reuters)

## Scared Burundians take refuge in camps

KARIN DAVIES  
VUMBI-BUKUBA

IN northern Burundi, the threat of tribal bloodletting is keeping hundreds of thousands of people from their homes.

It doesn't matter whether they are Hutu or Tutsi, Burundian or Rwandan. They've already lost their homes, their livelihoods, friends and family. If they go home, they're afraid they will lose their lives, too.

"We can't go back to our hills because we're afraid of being killed," student Jean-Bosco Karagwa said at a camp for displaced Burundian Tutsis in Vumbi-Bukuba, 20 kms east of the border.

"We're alive only because we live among our own kind."

"All of our houses were burned, our fields ruined. Our lives were systematically destroyed," said Menard Ndayisenza.

In Burundi, as in neighboring Rwanda, traditional tribal hatreds have been exploited for political gains in emerging democracies. On both sides of the border, dense populations are split between two tribes, 85 percent Hutu and 14

percent Tutsi.

When civil war erupted in Rwanda in April, more than 230,000 Rwandans crossed the Burundian border to escape massacres and fighting. The Tutsis have returned home to live under the rule of the victorious Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front, but more than 200,000 Rwandan Hutus have remained behind in seven refugee camps under the auspices of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Within their own country, an estimated 90,000 Burundians still live in makeshift camps in northern provinces nearly a year after their first elected president, a Hutu, was assassinated Oct. 21 in a failed coup by renegade Tutsi troops. In a wave of reprisal killings, 100,000 Burundians were killed and 500,000 fled their homes for safety.

Most of the displaced are Tutsis

who live under the guard of armed soldiers in northeastern provinces. Hutu extremists roam in small bands, leveling attacks, then taking refuge in the mountainous jungles.

But Hutus also have gathered in a makeshift camp just west of Ngozi or hide among valleys and mountains because they fear reprisal attacks from their own country's Tutsi-dominated army.

Harrowing scenes of ethnic and political violence occur regularly in the north and east of the country, as well as the capital Bujumbura.

More than a hundred were killed in the northern provinces of Cibitoke, Kayanza, Ngozi, Kirundo and Muyinga this month, according to official reports and local witnesses.

An Sept. 4 alone, at least 72 people died when gunmen opened fire in and around the church where the new bishop of Muyinga was holding mass. Many survivors of the machine gun attack were killed by machete as they fled. (AP)

## Forecasts of world's end make news, forecasts of its continuation don't

JOHN CUNIFF  
NEW YORK

IT'S not to say it won't come, but doomsday seems to run into one delay after another, followed by more international conferences at which additional doomsdays are predicted.

The delays make relatively uninteresting reading, and so do not get nearly the publicity as the doomsday forecasts. A forecast of the world's end makes news, a forecast of its continuation doesn't.

The most recent doomsday forecasts came from the just-finished population conference in Cairo, which said that overbreeding of humans threatens a devastating world crisis.

A perfectly sound premise, one to be studied and considered, says Thomas Lambert, a critic of the finding. What bothered him was that of 152 American newspaper articles he reviewed, only six challenged the "population bomb" assumption.

A fellow at Washington University's Center for the Study of American Business, Lambert is among scores of academics who challenge the assumption that too many humans are devouring resources.

There is reason to question the assumption made at Cairo, he says, noting among other things that

resources today are more available than ever before and that per-capita food production is rising.

Scores of other academics have made similar points, sometimes pointing to earlier doomsday conferences that made similar forecasts and were shown to be wrong within the time period of their forecasts. Such forecasts have been around since man learned to communicate, but they seem in recent years to have found more ready acceptance.

In every modern instance, brilliant researchers presented their theses, some so profound they could be ignored only at great risk. But critics point out that overall conclusions are another matter.

Lambert, for example, observes that less than one-half of one percent of the planet's ice-free land area is used for human settlements. And that where markets are free, prices fall and population growth actually creates wealth.

Is it too much to consider, he asks, that when people are wealthier they might also be more concerned about the environment, and that population growth therefore might lead to enhanced environmental protection? (AP)

## Field Marshal Montgomery's pajamas sold

LONDON (Reuters) — A pair of pink flannel pajamas which once belonged to British war hero Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery sold for £319 (\$500) at auction yesterday.

The pajamas, complete with name tags, had languished in an attic for 50 years. Montgomery, victor of El Alamein and the general who led Allied troops into France

during World War II, had lent the nightwear to Brigadier Hugh Mainwaring.

Mainwaring forgot to return the pajamas, and when he got back home to Britain his wife gave them to a raffle as a prize.

May Campbell, now 60, won the general's pajamas, which carry "B.L. Montgomery" tags on top and bottom. She put them in her

attic, where she forgot them until this year.

"I am delighted with the result of the sale and pleased to think that they will now be put to good use," she said in a statement released by auctioneers Sotheby's. "Hopefully they have now found a good home." Sotheby's said the pajamas were sold to an absentee bidder who left a written offer.

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## Egypt may use force in Sudan

CAIRO — A government-backed newspaper this week said in a column by its editor that Egypt may have to act against Sudan's government on behalf of the Sudanese people, hinting at the use of armed force.

The column by Ibrahim Se'dah, editor of the daily *Al-Akhar*, was the strongest statement by Egypt's government-owned media during the recent feud between Cairo and Sudan centered on the border enclave of Halaib.

Egypt has made no sign of moving the diplomatic battle toward armed conflict, but the unusually strong statement by Se'dah — who sometimes voices the government's view — raises the level of rhetoric.

Se'dah compared Egypt and Sudan's situation to that of the US and Haiti. He wrote that US forces stepped in to "overthrow a dictator regime" and suggested Egypt could do the same against Sudanese leader Omar Hassan Bashir and Hassan Turabi, perceived as the power behind Bashir.

"It is the right of the Sudanese people that Egypt — their big neighbor — follow the footsteps of the United States and aim painful blows at the regime of Bashir and Turabi until overthrowing it," the column said.

Egyptian-Sudanese relations have worsened since the Gulf war when Egypt backed the US-led coalition to drive Iraq from Kuwait and Sudan supported Iraq.

The conflict has focused on Halaib — a traditional source of argument — and Egypt's charges that Bashir's fundamentalist Moslem government supports militants trying to impose Islamic law on Egypt.

Halaib, a triangle along the Egyptian-Sudanese border, was defined within Egypt's territory under an 1899 British treaty, but Egypt gave administrative control to Sudan. The latest argument started in 1991 when Sudan sought to lease oil rights off Halaib.

Lately, the argument has grown to include charges by both countries that diplomats were being harassed and beaten. (AP)

## Barbie, Popeye 'not evil'

POPEYE and Barbie, under attack as symbols of Western decadence, won support in Kuwait this week from commentators who denounced Islamist calls for their removal from screens and shops as fanatical.

"What has evolved is a vicious, Western-bashing campaign by a handful of radical fanatics acting under the false pretense of defending Islamic virtues," said a front-page article in *Arab Times*.

"It is, sadly, Westernization itself that the [Moslem] Brotherhood and its allies seek to eradicate," said the article by an unidentified American woman resident in the emirate.

"The fuss of the call for banning Barbie had hardly died down when someone else appears on the horizon to hint that the cartoon series *Popeye The Sailor* man should be banned," wrote Naji Saud Zayed in *al-Qabas*.

"Don't ask why this happened. There is no longer space for reason or logic, accusations will start flying at you from all directions if you start to discuss [such issues]," the Islamist *al-Mujtama* magazine this week said.

Popeye, a bad example for children by his courtship of Olive Oyl and his brawling with rival Brutus. Earlier a religious leader said Barbie's feminine shape was a bad influence on children.

Zayed said for critics of Popeye, everything revolved around sex. "Who says that the character Olive Oyl is attractive and stunning? These are minds whose compass is sex." (Reuters)

## PLO official calls for inter-Palestinian dialogue

A member of the PLO executive committee, Abdalata Alchurani, has called for the opening of a real dialogue between Palestinians supporting the agreement with Israel and those opposing it.

Alchurani, who came back to Gaza after a 31-year absence, said his return did not reflect any change in his position against the Oslo agreement. But he denied he was connected to any Palestinian opposition organization.

He called on PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat not to convene the Palestine National Assembly to change the national charter, saying he would not participate in any meeting called for that purpose. (Al Quds, Jerusalem, Sept. 17)

THE Preparatory Committee for the Defense of the National Char-

# Expansion and contraction in the Middle East

UNSETTLED STATES, DISPUTED LANDS by Ian S. Lustick. Ithaca and London, Cornell University Press. 576 pp. Price not stated.

RETHINKING MIDDLE EAST POLITICS: State Formation and Development by Simon Bromley. Cambridge, Polity Press (Distributed by Blackwell, Oxford). 203 pp. £39.50/£11.95.

IN 1979-80 Prof. Ian Lustick, the author of *Unsettled States, Unsettled Lands*, was working as an analyst in the US State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research in Washington.

Among other things, he was charged with "evaluating scenarios for the eventual disposition of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, occupied by Israel."

At the time, it seemed to him — and presumably to his superiors — "clear enough that the goal of Israeli government policy ... was to

incorporate the territories into the Jewish state by policies of de-facto annexation."

What was not clear was how likely these policies were to succeed, and on what factors would such success depend.

In trying to answer these questions, Lustick developed a theory which "views state expansion and contraction as closely related but asymmetric political achievements."

Although the initial impetus for the analysis was the relationship between Israel and the territories, the investigation led to two cases in which territories under the sovereignty of two European states shrank — Britain's relationship with Ireland from the 1830s to 1922, and France's relationship with Algeria from the 1930s to 1962.

LUSTICK THEN turns to an even more ambitious purpose — "to explain patterns of similarity and dif-

ference in the expansion and contraction of any state by treating states as institutions subject, in their own way, to the laws governing all institutions."

As Lustick relates, however, "inside the State Department there was not much I could do about my need for such a theory except sharpen my appreciation of its absence."

He therefore left the department in 1980 and returned to academia to put the finishing touches to his theory — "a theory that might not only account for the trajectory of the Israel-West Bank/Gaza relationship, but also identify the conditions for Israeli absorption of or withdrawal from these areas."

This tome, with its 110 pages of extremely useful footnotes, leaves

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NISSIM REJWAN

one feeling that Lustick has done a fine job of developing and applying his theory.

It remains unclear, however, if Israel's choice between annexing or leaving the territories really requires such elaborate theorizing.

After all, as Lustick shows in copious detail, what we have been witnessing here is an unbridled campaign of indoctrination, conducted for nearly a quarter of a century by the highest of quarters and intensified by mock-messianic zealotry.

The author, of course, is fully aware of this, and he offers several earnest thoughts and suggestions.

His main conclusion is that, everything considered, "the obstacles to successful Israeli state-building in the West Bank and

Gaza Strip would seem even more daunting than those confronted earlier this century by British Unionists in Ireland and partisans for *Algérie française*."

THERE IS also a great deal of theorizing in Simon Bromley's *Rethinking Middle East Politics*.

Considering a range of debates on the character of political and socioeconomic change in the Middle East, the author — a lecturer in international political economy at the University of Leeds — focuses on what he sees as the linked processes of state formation and capitalist development.

He develops "a comparative framework based on an examination of key developmental processes in Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Iran."

The book came about because the author's "growing dissatisfaction with radical analyses of Middle East politics at the time of the Second Gulf War" coincided with

a suggestion that he write a short primer on the region's politics.

What Bromley is apparently trying to do is rethink Middle East politics to understand "the social development of the modern world," since he considers the study of the modern Middle East "a particularly fertile terrain from which to address the latter."

Much of the theorizing in *Rethinking Middle East Politics* is Marxist oriented. Bromley's appraisal of Islamic fundamentalism is particularly interesting.

Islamism "is probably best understood as a form of populist mobilization in which the middle strata seek to mobilize the working class, and in particular the unorganized urban poor, against foreign influence and a failed political establishment," he writes.

"Drawing on charismatic leaders... it does not question the status of private property, in fact it is generally pro-market."

## Iran renews claim on Gulf islands

IRAN'S judiciary chief has declared that three disputed islands in the southern Gulf are part of the Islamic republic "forever," and warned Gulf states not to be pushed into confrontation with Tehran by the West.

"Nobody must even imagine that he can question the sovereignty of Iran," Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi said in a sermon at the weekly Friday Prayers session at Tehran University. It was reported by the official Islamic Republic New Agency, monitored in Cyprus.

He said the United Arab Emirates, which claims the small but strategic islands of Abu Musa and the Greater and Lesser Tunbs, should drop the issue.

"Watch yourselves.... We have repeatedly said that we are ready for talks. Come and say your piece, hear the facts and end the matter. If people say things every day and provoke you, you should know they don't care about you; they care about their own interests," Yazdi told the UAE and its Gulf allies.

He was the second Iranian leader to make hard-line statements about the islands in the last few days. The powerful parliament speaker, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Nateq Nouri, warned that Iran will "resist to the last and will fear no threats" over the islands.

Their remarks indicated that Tehran is adopting a tougher line on the issue, apparently following statements by US officials condemning Iran's position.

Yazdi was responding to a September 18 communique by foreign ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council urging Iran to allow the World Court to settle the territorial dispute.

"Before the United Arab Emirates gained independence, the islands had belonged to and been under the sovereignty of Iran and it is still so, and will remain so forever," he said.

Addressing those countries which are "under the influence of the global arrogance," the Iranian epithet for the US, the ayatollah said they should guard against being pressured to confront the Islamic republic.

"Once, they provoked a person

to wage such a strange war," he said, meaning the 1980-88 war with Iraq which began when Saddam Hussein invaded Iran.

"You saw our eight-year defense and it became clear that the Islamic republic is not a country whose territorial integrity can be threatened by global arrogance," Yazdi said.

HE DID not name any country, but he was clearly referring to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, which provided Iraq with billions of dollars in economic aid during that conflict as a bastion against Iranian expansion following the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are members of the GCC along with the UAE, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain. The Gulf states have said that their relations with Iran cannot improve until the islands dispute is settled.

Yazdi said that despite Iran's readiness for dialogue over the islands, the US and its allies, by supporting the UAE's claims, seek to justify their military presence in the region.

The Iranians took over Abu Musa two years ago after sharing sovereignty with the UAE for 20 years following the British withdrawal from the Gulf.

US Navy chiefs say Iran is building fortifications on the flyspeck island, which commands the approaches to the Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Gulf.

Iran seized the two Tunbs, both uninhabited, by force in 1971 after the British pullout.

The takeover of Abu Musa, which Iran's Revolutionary Guards used for attacks on Arab shipping during the 1980-88 war, came amid a major rearmament program by Tehran which is alarming the Gulf Arab states and their Western allies.

Meanwhile, Iranian special forces and other military units backed by army helicopters launched a five-day military exercise this week near Tehran, Iran's state-run radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Cyprus, said the "operational and training exercise" was held near the Amir Kabir dam outside Karaj. (AP)

The Algerian government and Moslem fundamentalists are trying to maintain momentum toward ending their bloody conflict. Algerian National Gendarmes are shown checking the identity of a suspected Moslem militant this summer. (Hafsa/AP)

## Algeria staggers toward reconciliation

RACHID KHIARI  
ALGIERS

AFTER the failure of talks last week, government and Moslem fundamentalist officials in Algeria went out of their way to maintain momentum toward ending a bloody insurgency.

The president's spokesman appeared on television, referring to the still-banned Islamic Salvation Front and calling for elections.

A government newspaper reported daily meetings by Front leaders released from prison, and a Front spokesman soberly called for a "solution to the crisis."

The gestures came after a fourth round of talks between the military-backed government and five legal opposition parties ended last week without a final communique or another meeting date.

Hopes of reconciliation rose after President Liamine Zeroual shifted Abdassi Madani and Ali Belhadj, the Salvation Front's president and vice president, from prison to house arrest on September 13.

An estimated 10,000 people have died since the government canceled January 1992 elections in which voters, fed up with corruption and unemployment, were expected to hand the Salvation Front a victory.

Officials of the Salvation Front, known by its French initials FIS, say Madani and Belhadj, still held in a secret location, consider themselves still jailed and won't negotiate.

The talks "will continue," said presidential spokesman Mihoub Mihoubi. Speaking on national government TV, he said the most important issue was "new elections, so that the decision is once again made by the people."

Mihoubi, whose government has in the past referred to the fundamentalist opposition as "terrorists," said the necessary conditions existed "for the FIS to clearly express its position and contribute to appeasing the situation."

The presidency aims to "intensify bilateral consultations before setting a date for a new multiparty meeting which, we hope, will be joined by parties absent in the preceding phase," he said.

Also absent from the talks, which began last month, were legal parties billed as "democrats," said to represent the secular segment of Algerian society.

Some of the parties, including the Rally for Culture and Democracy, is opposed to the government as well as the Salvation Front. The Rally and others staged a general strike and large demonstrations in northeastern Algeria last week.

MEANWHILE, the government daily *Essaalem* reported that Madani and Belhadj were receiving visitors every Wednesday.

The paper quoted Ahmed Kerfah, president of the Movement of the Islamic Message, as saying the two leaders appeared "determined to find solutions to the problems of the country."

The paper quoted Kerfah as saying the FIS leaders still demanded "rehabilitation of the FIS, total liberty of movement for the two leaders and the possibility for the party's Consultative Council to meet."

It said Kerfah considered it "necessary" for armed groups to talk with the government.

Salvation Front spokesman Rabah Kebir said the party is "convinced of the need to work out a solution to the crisis" in Algeria. Quoted in the Algerian daily *Al-Khabar*, Kebir also spoke of the need to talk with armed groups.

"How do you stop what the government calls violence, how do you bring back security and stability?" he asked.

"The ideas that concern us are fought for by ideas and not guns."

The government, however, kept up its battle with the extremist Armed Islamic Group, whose bloody campaign, which has included killing foreigners, has been criticized by the FIS.

A member of the group believed to organize the kidnapping of three French nationals was "neutralized" near Batna, 500 km. southeast of Algiers, said an

official source, speaking on condition of anonymity. It was not clear if the member identified as Ali Si Abdallah, also known as Abu Meriem, was killed or captured. He was among those who signed an ultimatum last fall ordering foreigners to leave.

Fifty-nine foreigners have been killed since September 1993 in an attempt to destabilize a government dependent on foreign capital and know-how.

The former ruling party of Algeria has urged the military-backed government to meet certain conditions laid down by the FIS for taking part in talks.

Abdelhamid Mehri, general secretary of the National Liberation Front, said his party would join a new government of unity only after the Algerian crisis was resolved.

"We have called on the authorities to take measures which would allow the FIS to take part in the national dialogue, leaving the detail of such measures to talks between the authorities and the FIS leaders," he said. (AP)

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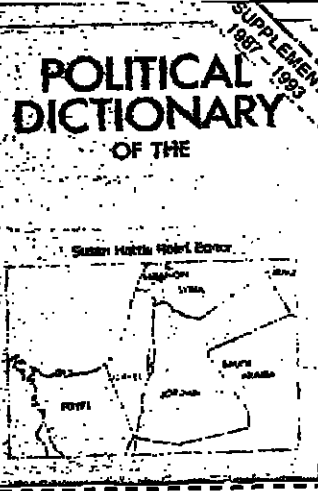
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## Merom's honest platform

**H**ATS off to Labor MK Haggai Merom. His proposals for the reorganization of the Labor Party and the revamping of its platform have come under scathing criticism from some in his own party, but they possess the kind of integrity and honesty all too rare in party politics.

Merom's plan removes all pretense from Labor's program. Initiated at the suggestion of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, it is a victory celebration of the party's doves, led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Ironically, it confirms what Labor's opponents have been saying for the last three years: the Labor Party platform has little to do with its true sentiments, and that it was manufactured solely to appeal to voters and to catapult the party to power. It confirms, too, that the choice of Rabin as party leader was not an expression of true party preference, but a stratagem to persuade the voter that the party was less extreme in its dovishness than it really was.

That there is little discernible difference between Merom's suggested platform and that of Labor's junior coalition partner, Meretz, is hardly surprising. Prior to the 1992 party convention, Labor's dovish young guard threatened to defect to Meretz, and in the recent Histadrut election Haim Ramon, a leader of that group, indeed defected - forming a coalition with Meretz against his own party.

But now the siren call of Meretz is no longer relevant. The whole Labor Party, and particularly Rabin, has been converted to Meretz's theology. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid's gleeful prediction in 1992 - that Rabin would serve as a "front" while Meretz would shape government policy - has

materialized with uncanny accuracy. Merom's call for recognizing a Palestinian state in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, relinquishing the Golan, and allowing the establishment of a PLO "embassy" in Jerusalem (a euphemism for dividing the city) is indistinguishable from the Meretz catechisms.

Sarid himself is unhappy about the timing of Merom's proposals. Like the Labor Party leaders, he would rather continue with the fiction that government policies are being formed by a party whose views are more hawkish and "security oriented" than his own. The Meretz ideology, after all, garnered only 10 percent of the vote in the last election; and if opinion polls are to be believed, the party would barely command even that much today. Not unreasonably, Sarid seems to believe that the government's chances of persuading the public in a referendum on the Golan or on the wisdom of relinquishing Judea and Samaria will appreciably diminish if Labor adopts the Meretz platform in word as well as in deed.

But with the nation facing decisions which may prove the most momentous since 1948, there is something to be said for plain honesty. That Labor has reneged on fundamental points in its 1992 platform is not in itself reprehensible. Party leaders have a right, once elected, to reconsider their positions in view of changing circumstances. But it is inexcusably dishonest to pretend that such changes have not taken place. And since the issues are not increasing the tax burden or allocating less for education but the nation's very future, it behooves Labor openly to adopt Merom's new platform and ask the electorate for a renewed vote of confidence. Anything less would be an unpardonable display of contempt for the popular will.

## The Ames disclosures

**T**HE investigation into the activities of confessed Soviet spy Aldrich Ames has uncovered what can only be described as the most astounding dereliction of duty in the CIA's history. Indeed, to call it "dereliction" is to be charitable in the extreme. The agency's failure to trace and apprehend Ames despite the knowledge - shared by every experienced reporter and columnist in Washington for well over a decade - that a highly-placed mole was selling the country's most sensitive secrets to the Soviets was nothing short of criminal.

A draft of a 400-page classified report, prepared under the direction of CIA's inspector-general Frederick Hitz, reveals that Ames exposed - and caused the death of - 34 secret US and allied agents, and identified 55 clandestine US and allied operations to the Soviet Union, thus causing the death of many others.

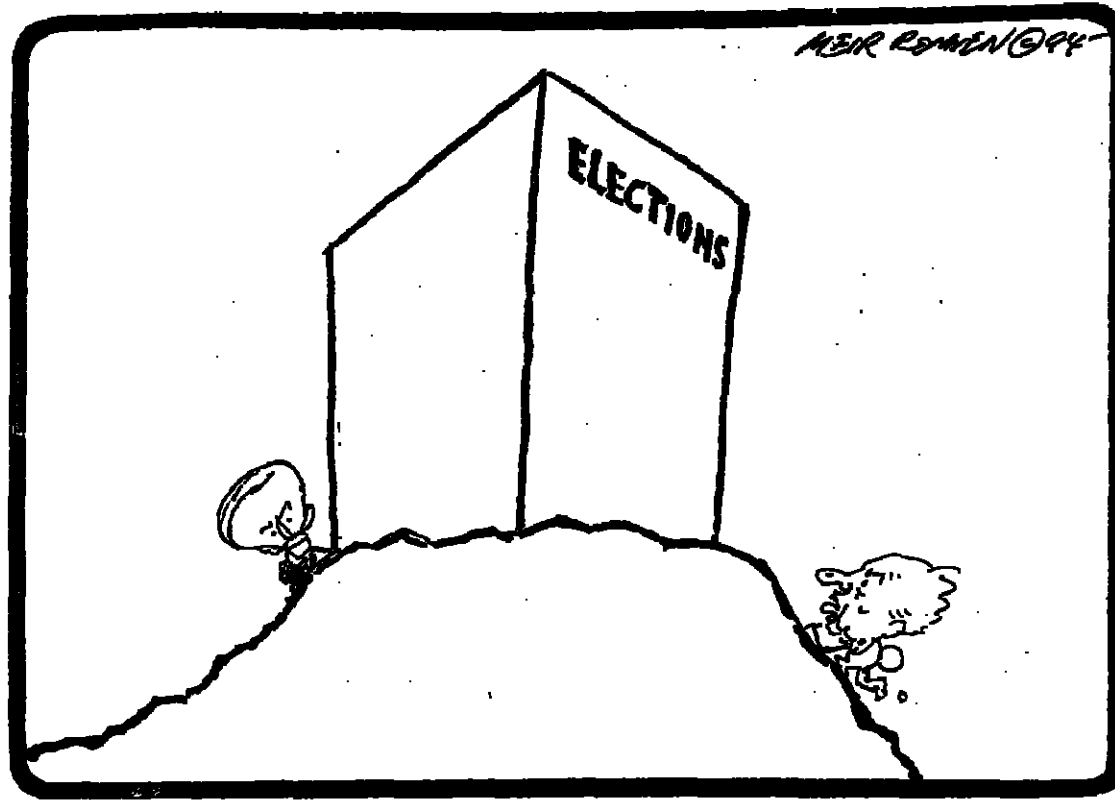
The matter can hardly be deemed an internal American affair. The US is the leader of the free world. And while the Cold War may be over - at least until Russia achieves the "political reintegration" of its seceding republics - the fact is that many smaller countries rely on the American superpower for their security and welfare. Israel, whose ability to keep a qualitative edge over its neighbors has been partly due to its access to American technology, now intends to make itself even more dependent on the US to compensate for

the loss of the Golan Heights. The thought that the most sensitive American government agencies are not only vulnerable to penetration by mercenary traitors but incapable of the most elementary security precautions is hardly encouraging.

But the most immediate ramifications of the Ames scandal concerns Jonathan Pollard's case. It is now clear even to those who have had complete faith in the American justice system that Pollard is a victim of a disinformation and vilification campaign initiated by Ames. With Soviet help, Ames managed to divert attention from his own betrayal by pointing a finger at Pollard as the source of information which fell into Soviet hands. According to this disinformation, the secrets Pollard gave Israel were transferred to the KGB by Soviet spies in the Israeli government.

It was thus that senior administration officials, including such friends of Israel as former secretary of defense Les Aspin, were persuaded the damage Pollard did to the US was of monstrous proportions. And it was for this reason they strenuously opposed a presidential pardon for a man who was sentenced to life in prison though he never betrayed US secrets to America's enemies.

To let Pollard rot in prison after the Ames disclosures is to compound the crime of failing to apprehend Ames years ago. It is time Washington realized that every day Pollard stays in jail erodes its credibility as a bastion of fairness and justice.



## Battle of the billboards

REUVEN KORET

**O**VER the past year, a silent war has been waged on billboards and car bumpers, and just about anywhere you can stick a sticker or post a poster. Now it has moved beyond Israel's borders.

In Gaza and Jericho, traces of Israel's presence on road signs and walls have been replaced by nationalistic slogans and murals depicting Yasser Arafat, Abu Jihad and a Scud-hurling Saddam Hussein.

And during the recent American diplomatic mission to Syria, Damascus avenues were lined with banners portraying Hafez Assad proclaiming support for a "Peace of the Brave" and a "Just Settlement According to International Law."

Meanwhile, at home, the poster battle heats up. On the right, the optimistic "Peace with the Golan" has given way to the defiant "We're not moving from the Golan." A grim-faced Avigdor Kahalani declares: "This far - and no further. Not the Golan." "Rabin has no mandate" has been supplanted by the somewhat gothic "Nightmare peace" and "Blood government." A keffiyeh-clad effigy of the "traitor" prime minister is ritually burned.

The left, meanwhile, has been left on the defensive, making do with "There is a mandate for peace" and "We want peace."

The poster war is just the most obvious manifestation of a sharply divided public opinion, in which the government and its supporters are pitted against the "settlers," their sympathizers and political allies. Arrests of Jews, administrative detentions and the authorities' increasingly brazen attempts to delegitimize settlement communities have complicated the issue.

EVEN THAT classic nonviolent

protest tactic, the hunger strike, has been assailed by the prime minister as "undemocratic" and a step toward "anarchy." A similar argument is used against Labor party dissidents, led by Kahalani, who oppose total withdrawal from the Golan.

**While the 'poster campaign' rages, ordinary folk are left wondering where the peace is**

Allegations of "more than moderate" and "physical" pressure by the police and security services have further aroused fears that the government is willing to apply its security apparatus selectively. And reports that a special "left-wing" IDF unit is being formed to evacuate Jewish settlements show the lengths to which the government may be willing to go to quell dissent.

Still, the press is managing to dig up dirt. Opposition voices can still be heard, and the fact that the struggle over the Golan remains focused on a referendum and Knesset legislation is a sign that Israeli democracy is alive, if not well.

The ferment in Israeli society contrasts starkly with the uniform view from the Arab world. And yet the government insists on twisting ambiguous Syrian comments about "warm peace" and the "objective requirements" of relations to suit its purposes, ignoring the words and deeds that belie hostile intentions.

It finds excuses for the Palestin-

ian Authority's failure to keep its promises, for the continuing calls by PLO leaders for Israel's destruction, for the ongoing refusal to prevent or prosecute terrorism. Even Egypt has maintained a frigid distance, withholding a summit meeting on Israeli soil and prosecuting Egyptian citizens who dare to visit. Only Jordan offers prospects of real peace, and even that remains contingent on progress (i.e. additional Israeli concessions) on all fronts.

Lacking substantial support from the Arab side, the government's "peace" policy seems as thin as the paper on which its propaganda posters are printed. On the warm, human level, for the ordinary people in the streets, and in the barren hills, there are few signs that the spirit of peace has taken root.

It's no surprise that the most ubiquitous catchphrase remains "The people with the Golan."

The Heights are something that can be seen and touched. Israelis fought there and fell there. They have built there, they live there. The strength of the protesters' personal convictions is widely respected, even by those who don't agree with their unyielding position.

The Golan, Judea and Samaria are close enough and visible enough to hit home.

Despite our divisions, we cannot help but identify with people who face the prospect of forced evacuation from their homes.

How different in quality are their protests of the Golan residents from those our government routinely lodges when the Palestinians release another murderer, or the Syrians sponsor another attack in Lebanon.

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## Fights on tape

JOYCE GABRIEL

**I** have a million-dollar idea. I'm going to make tapes of the standard arguments between spouses, parents and kids. Then, instead of having the argument live, families can simply select and play the right tape.

It would save a lot of time and effort. And, since these arguments almost always play out the same way, the tape would bring the same catharsis without the hassle of actually having the fight.

Think about it. Here are a few standard spousal arguments:

The "You Don't Love Me" argument can be started by either spouse.

Husbands usually start the one that begins with "How did we put this much on the VISA card?" Wives usually start the one that begins with "If only you would do more around the house."

The arguments between parents and their children aren't any more original.

There's the "I can't believe your room is such a mess" argument. Mom or Dad usually begins this one after seeing that a child's room is in total disarray.

The child says, "I'll clean it later."

**How about doing yoga while you fight with your spouse?**

The parent says, "Clean it now. How can you find anything in there? There are probably bacteria growing somewhere."

The child says, "I can't do it now. I'm watching TV (or reading, or doing homework or going out)."

THE PARENT tries bargaining and cajoling. "Come on, honey, you'll feel much better when your room is clean."

No response.

"If you clean your room now, I'll give you extra snack money," the parent offers.

"I don't need any," the child replies.

"I really want that room cleaned now."

"I can't do it now," the child whines.

Threats come next.

"If you don't clean that room now, you'll be grounded for a week," the parent says.

"That's not fair," the child counters.

You can fill in the rest yourself.

The "Have you done your homework?" tape runs about the same way.

Other great titles would include "Who broke this?" followed by "Who took the (fill in whatever critical item is missing)" followed by "Where are you going and when will you be home?"

While the tape is playing in the background, each family can do something productive - yoga, breathing, situps, whatever - satisfied in the knowledge that someone somewhere is covering all the argumentative ground that needs to be covered; glad that it doesn't have to be them, again.

Without these tapes families everywhere are consigning to the treadmill of stock arguments.

In my house, even I get tired of hearing my own voice in these combats. The exchanges are monotonously repetitive. As the battles escalate, my voice gets higher and shriller. My face gets red. My heart beats faster.

Who needs it?

Let some paid anonymous voice go through all this for me, while I put my feet up with a good book.

I've been working on the marketing campaign. Picture this ad: "Fight no more. Let 'Work It Out Tapes' do it for you."

"Mad at your spouse?"

"Cross with your kids?"

"Whatever it is, we have your argument on tape, ready for you to play when you feel like fighting (or even when you don't feel like it, but your spouse or child does)."

"For a sampler tape, with excerpts from the 20 Most Popular Arguments, send in this coupon. We'll send you the tape. If you like what you hear, simply peel off the postage-paid label on the front of the tape and mail it back to us. You'll get a tape a month for the next five years. Don't worry about the cost. It will be worth it."

I know it still needs some work, but someday soon I'll be on my way to that first million.

(The Stamford Advocate)

## People's will is God's will

MAHER HATHOUT  
SALAM AL-MARAYATI

**T**ODAY in America, Moslems are free and can work with others to alleviate social and political injustices. But Moslems in much of the world are subject to military dictatorships, occupations or theocracies, suffering human rights violations under Moslem and non-Moslem rulers. They are even subject to genocide.

The subjugation of Moslems cannot be blamed simply on Western hegemony, even though colonialism has debilitated many, if not all, Moslem countries. Moslems continue to suffer because of the abject failure of the religious establishment to live up to the standards of human decency set by Islam.

Nor can Moslems' poor image in the eyes of the world be blamed on the media, for those negative images are fostered by the flagrant contributions of Moslem leaders.

When the Koran, for example, stipulates "There shall be no compulsion in religion" (2:256), there is no excuse for religious police to patrol Moslem streets. The voice of reason, which plays a vital role in Islamic jurisprudence and in opposition politics, along with the spirit of the Koran, is silenced - jailed, exiled or dead.

The controversies surrounding Salman Rushdie and Taslima Nasrin, as another example, are symptoms of a larger problem engulfing the Moslem world: an erosion of Islamic ethics.

The death threats leveled against the two writers should be condemned. But the fact remains that they are by no means seeking positive change among Moslems or reconciliation between Islam and the West. Rather, they are promoting the exclusion of Islam, which is, according to Princeton scholar Khaled Abou Fadl, a form of "secular fundamentalism."

Hence, Rushdie and Nasrin gain notoriety from Moslems and empathy from the Western Establishment. The deeper struggle, however, involves the collapse of an Islamic structure that rests on the Koran's principle of non-compulsion.

TODAY, THE Moslem world is being held hostage by clergy and governments which promote intolerance and oppose cooperation

with other religious groups. Many nations with predominant Moslem populations exploit Islam to serve their geopolitical interests.

Whether it is the inscription of the name of God on the Iraqi, Iranian or Saudi flag or patronizing statements by Egyptian, Libyan or Syrian dictators, the fables run deep in the foul stream of Middle Eastern politics.

Islam preaches reason and non-compulsion. Moslem governments and clergy promote the opposite

Virtually every country in the Moslem world violates the human rights of its Moslem and non-Moslem population, while pretending to be the vanguard of Islam.

While Moslem governments deal with the West, openly or secretly, they often have their clergy instruct the people not to deal with the West. Yet the rich Moslem governments wield their financial influence to control Islamic movements worldwide. Some even have the backing of the US government as representing "moderate" Islam.

These countries also incite extremists, then claim strategic value in defending the West against these extremists. While other citizens are defamed by clerics and oppressed by the government, religious radicals retain power as long as they do not condemn the ruler and represent a real threat.

Women who drove through the streets of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for example, protesting the law banning them from driving, were slandered as whores by the religious establishment. Middle Eastern leaders play a duplicitous game in which they purport to protect the West from the fundamentalists they themselves have nurtured, while escalating their

rhetoric to the Moslem masses about Western imperialism.

The political structures of these countries cannot last forever because they are alien to their own cultures. Most important, they are alien to the spirit of Islam. Many egalitarian principles within Islam have long been shackled by countries following the lead of a strongman.

It is time to redefine Moslem culture based on true Islam - and perhaps a new beginning is in the West. This could create an understanding of how Islam can be involved with secular affairs, balancing the concerns of this world with those of the hereafter. Moslems could start to realize that reason is a cornerstone of Islamic jurisprudence, that the will of the people is inseparable from the will of God.

You can practice Islam in America without worrying about secret police dragging you out of bed in the middle of the night. Women can pray and lecture in American mosques and not suffer exclusion from society. In America, one can criticize the government and still feel patriotic.

The issue isn't being anti-secular or anti-religion, but being anti-oppression and anti-exploitation. It would be well for people to start thinking in those terms in order to promote justice without bias.

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(Los Angeles Times)

(The Stamford Advocate)

POSTSCRIPTS

THE EARTHQUAKE early this year in California was centered eight km. from the largest egg farm in America - yet the only damage the farm suffered was a broken water line and one single broken egg.

The manager of the farm, Robert Wagner, told his employees: "We had a 6.6 earthquake that broke less eggs than you guys do when you're working."

THE MAYOR of Saint-Raphael, a popular French Riviera resort

where bare-breasted women are a common sight on the beach, has decided to crack down - on topless men.

Charles Omede said the sight of men walking around the town's picturesque streets topless, shirtless, in shorts or in bathing suits was tasteless.

A CAFE in Derbyshire has a sign advertising for waitresses. According to the Daily Telegraph, the job description reads: "Fulltime. Must be respectable. Except weekends."

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# Britons reach out to Americans on death row

British women and prisoners sentenced to death in the US share confidences and hope in their letters; some become romantically involved, Rebecca Fowler writes from Houston

THEIR worlds could not be more different. He is a convicted murderer on death row in Texas, she is a British grandmother living in the heart of Middle England in a comfortable home surrounded by family photographs.

Yet for the last four years Michael Richard, 35, of Hockley, Texas, has conducted an intimate correspondence with Lesley Moreland, 54, of Potters Bar, England.

They write to each other every month and they exchange small gifts. And they have shared the most painful parts of each other's lives - including the murder of Moreland's 23-year-old daughter four years ago.

Moreland is among 3,000 Britons, most of them women, who write to prisoners sentenced to death in the US.

The network, established by LifeLines of Cambridge, symbolizes the drastically different perspective on the death penalty in Europe, where executions no longer take place.

Many Europeans are appalled by the death penalty, which was abandoned in Britain in the 1960s. Amnesty International, the London-based rights group, considers use of the death penalty a major human rights violation, and other more radical European groups have condemned it as a form of race-murder because the majority of those executed in the US are black. There were 38 executions in the US last year, and there have been 24 so far in 1994; there are currently 2,870 people on death row.

The highest rate of executions is in Texas, where eight prisoners have been put to death this year. Supporters of capital punishment view the exchange of letters between Britons and death-row inmates with suspicion.

"I wish these people were writing nice letters to the victims and their families instead," said Paul Kamenar, executive legal director of the Washington Legal Foundation, a policy center that supports the death penalty.

The founder and chairman of LifeLines, Jan Arriens, who set it up with the support of Amnesty International, readily concedes some of his members are misguided. Correspondents' motives for writing to death-row residents vary from



The Death Row pen-pal scheme symbolizes the drastically different perspective on the death penalty between the US and Europe, where executions no longer take place. Many Europeans are appalled by the death penalty. (Media Images)

the political, religious and moral to more emotional reasons.

In certain cases he says the correspondence can become too intimate, and a number of the 1,200 women who make up the bulk of the current 1,600 membership have become entangled in death-row romances.

"We only see the tip of the iceberg when things go seriously adrift, which they do, and then all sorts of things happen," Arriens said. "People nearly get engaged, then they decide they've got a life to live. You get people to look very closely at their motives for writing, because for many people on death row this is the first time they are

treated as human beings, and that can have great impact."

But he also says he is convinced that the hope death-row inmates - some of whom have been incarcerated for up to 18 years - gain from letters far outweighs the problems. Among the relationships Arriens has helped set up, he found one of the most inspiring an exchange of letter between a 92-year-old blind man in Britain and death-row prisoner in Arizona.

For years they communicated by taped audiocassettes, until the prisoner's tape recorder broke and the authorities refused to allow him a new one.

He sent his English friend a sculpted ship carved from a bar of soap instead, determined not to let the correspondence die.

For Lesley Moreland, a committed Quaker, the exchange with Michael Richard started as a journey of faith. After the murder of her daughter Ruth, who was stabbed to death in Britain by a friend of a former boyfriend, she was determined to hold onto her conviction that there is humanity in everyone, even the most condemned criminal.

"Michael and I have slowly established a relationship that is deep and honest," she said in a phone interview. "I hope I would have been

interested in writing to someone in his situation anyway, but after Ruth's death what I was trying to cling onto was the fact [that] human beings are very complex, and even if someone has taken a life, it's not the whole of them. There is that of God within all of us."

Richard was sentenced to death by lethal injection for shooting a 53-year-old nurse in the head eight years ago during a break-in at her home. He also allegedly sexually assaulted her, although this was never proven. In the course of his trial he was described as a sociopath and a psychopath who as a child had been tortured and fed drugs by an abusive father.

The exact nature of his crime became known to Moreland only last month when it was reported in a British newspaper, because LifeLines members agree not to broach the subject in letters. She said she was "shocked" to learn that the victim was nearly her own age, "but it has not affected my perspective on our friendship or whether I write to him," Moreland said.

More than 4,800 km. away, Richard sits with his feet and hands manacled together at Harris County Jail in Texas, where he was moved from the notoriously bleak Huntsville prison to await news on whether he will be granted a retrial. Recently he discussed the effect the relationship has had on him.

He said the correspondence, which started with simple letters about his living conditions and developed into more intimate accounts of his traumatic family life, fears and frustrations, has given both him and Moreland insight into their own lives.

"I'd never communicated with a white person before in my life," he said. "But I don't look at her as being a white woman. I'm black. She's white. We're equal. I tell her I'm the son she never had."

Richard, who specified that he wanted to write to an older woman, says he and Moreland always have been honest and straightforward in their letter writing. He believes he will never meet her.

"Tomorrow is promised to no one, something both Lesley and I know," he said. "But tell her I wrote last night, and tell her my hair has grown. She thinks my hair is too short."

The exchange has increased Richard's literacy, encouraging him to read and write, and helped his relations with his family. Still, campaigners for the abolition of the death penalty in the US do not believe LifeLines can have much impact on American views.

"To the rest of the Western world we are still the most primitive of democracies, and that is because we have capital punishment, but people have this eye-for-an-eye and tooth-for-a-tooth thing," said David Utter, an attorney in Louisiana who represents prisoners facing execution.

"Anyone who shows sympathy for these people must be crazy is how people see it, because they do not see the prisoners on death row as human, with feelings and a capacity to rehabilitate, and they do not want to. That's the only way we can kill them."

(The Washington Post)

## Archeologists find a possible limb of the human-family tree

ROBERT LEE HOTZ  
LOS ANGELES

IN a handful of teeth and skull fragments almost a million years older than anything else in the human family tree, scientists have discovered compelling evidence of a new species that may be humanity's earliest direct ancestor.

It is the closest thing yet to the long-sought "missing link" between human beings and ancient apes, the scientists said.

The fossils, gleaned from a rugged river basin in Ethiopia, are the fragmentary remains of a child and 16 other small, ape-like individuals of a previously unknown pre-human species that flourished in African woodlands 4.4 million years ago, an international team of researchers announced.

"This species is the oldest known link in the evolutionary chain that connected us to the common ancestor [we share] with the living African apes," said Tim

D. White, a paleontologist at the University of California, Berkeley's Laboratory for Human Evolutionary Studies, who led the team that made the discovery near a village called Aramis.

The new species - named *Australopithecus ramidus* - is a mosaic of primitive and advanced features, the scientists said.

The creature's jaw and teeth are similar to those of a chimpanzee, while other crucial details of anatomy suggest more human characteristics.

Several experts who have examined the fossils said the discovery offers the first direct glimpse into the era when humanity's earliest ancestors veered off from other primitive primates, underscoring the relatively rapid pace of human evolution.

The remains appear to date from a time shortly after the human family tree first branched out with one line leading to modern human beings and the other leading to the family of great apes of Africa.

The bones also buttress a theory long championed by molecular biologists who have argued that, based on genetic analysis, the first human-like species appeared as recently as about 5 million years ago.

When first proposed in 1967, the idea was scorned by most anthropologists.

"When you combine these Aramis fossils with the evidence from the molecules, clearly Darwin was right: Humans evolved from an African ape," White said.

THE TINY shards of bone - gnawed by ancient carnivores, buried in silt from seasonal floods - were recently unearthed by torrential desert rains.

They include parts of the skull, the arm and the lower jaw of a child.

"This is the closest thing to the missing link we have ever found," said Owen Lovejoy of Kent State University, a leading authority on human origins who has studied the find. "This thing is really

primitive."

All the remains are from the upper body and offer scant insight into how these earliest hominids, as the prehuman ancestors of humanity are called, lived or traveled.

But other fossils found nearby suggest their homeland was a flat, forested plain rich in wildlife such as rhinos, bear, monkeys, bats and primitive antelope.

The hominids are the first to be found in such a wooded environment, leading several scientists to speculate that the remains are evidence that the first stages of human evolution, such as the development of upright posture and walking on two legs, occurred among the trees and not in open grasslands as many scientists have argued.

The expedition's discoveries are published in the science journal *Nature*, along with research by scientists from the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Berkeley Geochronology Center that examines the botanical, animal

and geological evidence accompanying the find.

The fossils were found in a region of East Africa that, during the past 30 years, has seen some of the most significant discoveries relating to primitive hominids.

The Aramis area where they were found is north of Lake Turkana, where a 1.6 million-year-old hominid boy was found by Richard Leakey in 1984.

It is about 73 km. south of the Hadar, where paleontologists discovered the species represented by the famous Lucy skeleton.

That species, called *Australopithecus afarensis*, was previously the oldest known human ancestor ever found.

Donald C. Johanson, who discovered the Lucy skeleton in 1974, called the new find terrific and endorsed the idea that of a new species of hominid that lived about 1.2 million years before Lucy.

"This is a very important piece of evidence that says that beyond four million years ago there ap-

pears to be a single line [of descent] and a single [human] lineage," he said.

In 1979 White and Johanson described Lucy and related fossils as a new species most likely ancestral to all later hominids.

Last year, a team led by White announced the discovery of more fossils from the same species that showed the hominids ranged over much of Africa for about 800,000 years.

A series of arresting discoveries announced this year has forced a

reconsideration of much of what was assumed about human origins, from how quickly early hominids migrated out of Africa to what may have triggered the first use of tools.

But the story of the evolution of humankind as recorded in the sparse fossil record is composed largely of gaps and long silences. The creatures that predated Lucy's kind remained a mystery until now.

(Los Angeles Times)

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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

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## Arkia, Jordanian firm in reciprocal marketing deal

ARKIA, Israel's internal airline, has signed a contract with a Jordanian travel agency to reciprocally market tours in the two countries, the airline announced this week.

Arkia spokeswoman Magda Kallan said the deal with Diana Tours, which is owned by Jordanian businessman Daoud Kuttab, came after a long search in which

HAIM SHAPIRO

several Jordanian firms were considered.

Diana Tours, which has offices in Amman and Akaba, is active in incoming and outgoing tourism.

It has extensive ties in Europe and the Arab states with the aviation world and the tourism

industry.

From the middle of next month, Arkia is to begin selling package tours to Jordan for tourists and Israelis with foreign passports, Kallan said.

At the same time, Diana Tours will begin selling Arkia packages to tourists, Jordanians and residents of other Arab countries.

AMMAN (Reuters) - Egypt briefed Jordan yesterday on plans to expand a regional association to boost tourism in the eastern Mediterranean region, including Israel.

Tourism Minister Mohammad Edwan and his Egyptian counterpart Mamdouh Beltagi also discussed the impact of peace on regional tourism.

Beltagi is scheduled to leave for Israel today. He denied Israel Radio reports he was preparing a meeting of his Jordanian and Israeli counterparts.

"Mr. Beltagi's visit comes at an important stage, as we are on a historic crossroads in the Middle East," Edwan said at the start of their talks in Amman. "Hence, co-

## Jordan, Egypt open tourism talks

Egyptian tourism minister due to arrive in Israel today

operation is more vital."

Beltagi told reporters he handed Edwan a draft charter governing the founding of the East Mediterranean Tourism Association (EMTA), which aims to promote tourism in the region and improve tourism infrastructure among member countries.

Countries on the eastern Medi-

terranean basin such as Greece, Syria, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon and Palestinian Authority are welcome to join.

The group was set up by Turkey, Egypt and Israel during a tourism convention in London last November, with the intent of capitalizing on a tourism boom encouraged by moves toward peace.

## Fires rage on Isramco rig

NEIL COHEN

FIRE continued to rage yesterday at Isramco's Yam-Yafo 1 offshore oil rig near the Herzliya coast.

The fires were started by the company itself to prevent whatever oil or gas was found from polluting the waters around the rig.

According to reports, drilling continued on the rig, but it was unclear whether oil or gas had been found in significant or commercial quantities.

Notwithstanding, shares in Is-

ramco Inc. traded on Wall Street leapt 27 percent on Monday when reports of developments were first received.

But yesterday, the price slipped back 13%.

An oil industry source said the fires were a technical matter and do not necessarily indicate any significant find.

There was no trading in the Israeli-listed Isramco shares either Monday or yesterday, because the TASE was closed.

## Palestinians set up investment firms in areas, Jerusalem

GAZA (Reuters) - A group of Palestinian businessmen living abroad announced on Monday they were setting up three investment companies in the territories and Jerusalem with a total capital of \$65 million.

Businessmen Sabih Masri and Munib Masri said the Palestine Company for Development and Investment (PCDI) established companies to channel investments into the tourism, industry and real estate sectors.

"We have now begun and we are going to throw our weight behind our investment," said Sabih Masri, after meeting PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

He said the parent company, which has attracted hundreds of

Palestinian and Arab investors and has a start-up capital of \$200m, hoped to bring in up to \$1 billion of investment to the Palestinian economy over five years.

Munib Masri said Arafat had responded positively to the concerns of Palestinian businessmen they had outlined.

Businessmen described the establishment of the three companies as a sign the firm, seen as a major player in the Palestinian development process, was moving closer to investing in individual projects.

PCDI will operate companies in various fields in the self-rule areas, in the rest of the territories and Jerusalem.

The Palestine Company for

Real Estate Development, with a capital of \$20m, will be based in Gaza, where the start of self-rule has been accompanied by a frenzied housing boom.

The Palestine Company for Industrial Development, also capitalized at \$20m, will be in Nablus, currently a minor base for Palestinian industry.

The Palestine Company for Tourism Development, to be based in Jerusalem, will have a capital of \$25m.

Fahri Abu Medeen, a member of the Palestinian self-rule Authority in charge of justice, said the Palestinian Authority was working on an investment law that would be ready within a week to 10 days.

## Beirut to release ship that carried Israeli salt

BEIRUT (Reuters) - The Lebanese government has decided to release a Cypriot ship detained last year for carrying a shipment of Israeli salt into Beirut port, security sources said yesterday.

They said the government decided to release the Vassiliko Bay after all "necessary judicial steps" have been taken and after the confiscation of the salt shipment.

The sources did not say when the vessel will leave Beirut. They did not say why the Vassiliko Bay was being released, but high level Cypriot officials have on recent visits to Beirut raised the issue of the ship, detained in August 1993 for breaking the Arab trade embargo.

## Saudi prince to buy share in Canadian hotel chain

DUBAI (Reuters) - A Saudi prince who this year came to the rescue of Euro Disney has offered to buy 25 percent of Canada's Four Seasons Hotels, the latest in a series of international investments worth billions of dollars.

The announcement was made yesterday in a statement sent to Reuters by the Riyadh office of Prince Waheed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz, a 37-year-old multi-billionaire and nephew of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd.

The statement said the prince and Isadore Sharp, chairman and president of Four Seasons, "announced today that they signed definitive binding agreements" under which the prince would offer to acquire 25 percent of the stock held by the public for C\$22 a share.

It said Sharp would sell the prince 25% of his holdings at the same price, but did not say how big the stake was.

"The board of directors of Four Seasons has reviewed the transaction and will recommend that shareholders accept the offer," it added.

It said the prince would invest about C\$165m. to acquire the 25% share. Sharp would continue as chairman, president and chief executive officer.

But Sharp and the prince would enter a shareholders agreement governing their future relationship, under which two of the prince's representatives would join the board.

Waheed in June came to the rescue of Euro Disney's \$1.14 billion stock rights issue, which almost flopped due to weak demand for

new shares.

The prince, who controls United Saudi Commercial Bank, said in July he had bought a 50% stake in the prestigious San Francisco-based Fairmont hotel chain for an undisclosed sum.

But a group he backed failed in a bid to take 57% of France's luxury Meridien hotel chain this month.

The prince is the largest shareholder in the US banking giant Citicorp and in 1993 he acquired 10% in Saks Fifth Avenue, the New York fashion retailer.

Four Seasons Hotels in 1992 acquired the Hong-Kong based Regent Hotels International Ltd and the statement referred to the Four Seasons-Regent chain.

"The prince will work closely with Four Seasons-Regent in identifying opportunities to acquire and develop luxury hotels for Four Seasons-Regent to manage and for Prince al-Waheed to invest in," the statement said.

"The prince intends to allocate approximately C\$100m. to this program, and as a first step the parties plan for Four Seasons-Regent to manage a luxury hotel now being developed by the prince in the Saudi capital Riyadh," it added.

The statement quoted the prince as saying his new venture was "consistent with my strategy to invest significant amounts of capital with superior management teams throughout the world."

It quoted Sharp as saying the investment would enable Four Seasons to "accelerate our growth plans globally, further enhancing long-term shareholder value".



Animal rights activists distribute leaflets while another one, clad in a larger-than-life costume of a free-range laying hen, draws the attention of passersby during a demonstration against egg battery farming in Dresden yesterday.

## Suit against tobacco industry thrown out

NEW YORK (Reuters) - In a major victory for the tobacco industry, a federal judge has dismissed the first personal injury class action suit against cigarette companies brought under the powerful federal racketeering law.

Victor Han, a Philip Morris Cos. Inc. spokesman, who announced the ruling yesterday, said the industry considers the ruling significant because the case was the first to test the use of the statute in tobacco litigation and the judge soundly rejected the strategy.

There are several other personal injury class actions cases pending across the country alleging that cigarette companies have conspired to conceal that nicotine is addictive.

The recent ruling could discour-

age the lawyers of plaintiffs in those other suits from adding racketeering charges.

Although the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) is most commonly associated with criminal mobster and drug cases, the statute also allows individuals to seek treble damages against defendants in civil cases if a pattern of wrongdoing can be established.

The plaintiffs alleged that the tobacco industry violated RICO by concealing that smoking is addictive and by adding levels of nicotine to make sure the products were habit-forming.

However US District Judge Irma Gonzalez of San Diego, California ruled on September 21 that RICO cannot be used to recover expenses resulting from personal

injuries.

"Congress's intent in enacting RICO excluded civil RICO actions seeking recovery of expenses resulting from personal injury," she wrote.

She said under RICO, the plaintiffs must allege injury to business or property and that the Supreme Court has made it clear personal injuries do not fall into either category.

"Although plaintiffs characterize the injury as pecuniary and thus an injury to their property, the court is unable to ignore that the core injury alleged in the complaint is addiction to nicotine," she wrote.

The suit was brought by 15 named plaintiffs on behalf of all individuals who consider themselves addicted to nicotine.

## Bundesbank unlikely to trim rate on M3 improvement

Frankfurt economists: The data for August does not justify another round of cuts

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - The Bundesbank is expected to hold official rates steady at its council meeting tomorrow despite a decisive improvement in one of its key indicators for judging inflationary pressures, economists said yesterday.

They believe that the reason behind the improvement in money growth may be questionable and

that other important factors for policy may not yet have fallen into place.

"We don't believe the M3 data for August justifies another round of Bundesbank rate cutting," the Frankfurt economists of US investment bank Goldman Sachs in wrote in a report.

"They will wait a little longer," said Burkhard Erke, economist at Schroeder Munchmeyer Hengst in Frankfurt. Erke does not expect a cut until after the next wage negotiations round, which begins in December.

The M3 measure of money supply growth slowed to a provisional 8.2 percent in August from 9.8% in July. This was down from a bloated expansion rate of more than 20% at the beginning of the year.

But economists say the improvement in M3 stems in part from the exclusion of money market funds, which were legalized on August 1 and were up and running in Luxembourg.

Economists say many investors

are switching out of time deposits, which are included in M3, into money market funds, which are not - artificially depressing M3.

"The numbers were a lot better in terms of M3 but there are certainly question marks about the full extent of the slowdown in money supply," said Ros Lifton, senior economist at Daiwa Europe in London.

"A lot of the funds count as capital savings - but also some must be considered money stock," Lifton said, adding that this uncertainty would engender caution at the Bundesbank.

UBS economist Richard Reid agreed in a commentary that the Bundesbank might be uncomfortable with the source of improvement in M3.

"Although it is impossible to quantify accurately, the impact of the introduction of money market funds must have been significant in August," Reid said.

Other economists note that the Bundesbank's other criteria for a rate cut have yet to be met.

Salomon Brothers interpreted comments from Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer this week to mean that he saw little room for further interest rate cuts for now.

He set conditions for rate cuts which included additional monetary easing on the normalization of M3 growth, a decline in inflation and inflation expectations, continued wage restraint and fiscal consolidation.

"Although M3 growth will be close to the six percent target ceiling by year-end and inflation will fall to 2% during 1994, other hurdles to monetary easing are unlikely to be overcome," Salomon Brothers said.

Erke emphasized the importance of the wage round, noting that measures for fiscal consolidation already in place would continue to steer the budget in the right direction.

Economists are optimistic that wages in Germany will again rise by a moderate amount next year, but expect the deals to be above this year's average of 2%.

## WORLD BRIEFS

Brent Walker trims first-half losses: Brent Walker, the debt-burdened British leisure empire founded by disgraced ex-boxer George Walker, said it has trimmed its first-half loss, and its two core businesses were performing "reasonably well."

Betting and pubs boosted operating profits by 28 percent and 12% respectively, but the group, weighed down by debts of £1.4 billion, paid a hefty £103.65 million in interest which pushed it into the red. Losses for the six months to June 30 were £73.47m, after £83.32m, last time.

Sears reports 38% increase in pre-tax profit: British retailer Sears, which owns the upmarket London store Selfridges, yesterday reported a 38 percent rise in pre-tax profit for the six months to July 31 and boosted its half-year dividend by 5%.

Pre-tax profit jumped to £53.8m, from £38.9m, and was well above even the most optimistic market expectations, which ranged from £41m. to £46m. The dividend climbed to 1.05 pence from 1.00, while turnover moved up to £949.6m, from £913.4m. Sears said group trading profit soared by 42.4% to £45.7m, with strong performances from footwear, home shopping, Selfridges, and womenswear leading the way.

Credit Lyonnais first-half loss at FR4.5 billion: French state-owned bank Credit Lyonnais said yesterday it had a net attributable loss of FR4.5 billion (\$849.7 million) in the first half of 1994, compared to a loss of FR1.05b. (\$198.3m.) in the same period last year.

But it said it was probable that its full-year loss would be less than last year's FR 6.9b. (\$1.30b.), one of the biggest losses in French corporate history. It also said the government, which last year mounted a huge rescue operation for the bank, had promised further support, but gave no details.

Morocco to sell stakes in five enterprises: Morocco will sell its stakes in five enterprises with a total turnover of 3.85 billion dirhams (\$438.4 million) this year, the Privatization Ministry said yesterday. The state has between 35 and 99 percent of the five groups: Banque Marocaine du Commerce Extérieur (BMCE), the SIMEF diesel and electric motor maker, the Sonasid steel mill, the Somas oil company, and Socheprese publication distributor.

The government calls for bids today for its 67 percent stake in SNI, of which 16% will be placed on the Casablanca bourse, before the end of October. Since January, 12 state-owned enterprises have been sold off, officials said.

Survey says downsizing has become business as usual: The pace of corporate downsizing has risen over last year, but staff cuts affect fewer people and employers often fire with the right hand and hire with the left, the American Management Association said yesterday.

The AMA's findings appear in its eighth annual survey on corporate downsizing, three years into America's much-heralded economic recovery. A chief finding of the survey was that downsizing has become a fact of life in corporate America, and not just a reaction to economic downturns.

"There is increasing evidence that cuts are being made selectively to fine-tune operations, rather than wholesale to respond to a weak economy," said Eric Rolf Greenberg, the AMA's director of management studies.

Consumers' confidence slips in US: American consumers' confidence in the economy slipped in September and their outlook for future months was less optimistic, the Conference Board said yesterday.

The board - a private, business-backed research group - said its Consumer Confidence Index slipped to 88.4 this month, versus a revised 90.4 in August. August's reading was originally reported at 89.0.

In the latest survey, the Conference Board said consumers are "markedly" less positive than a month ago in their assessment of prevailing economic conditions, but only slightly less optimistic in their expectations for the months ahead. Economists had expected a September reading of 90.2. The survey is based on a representative sample of 5,000 households.

Russian Central Bank spends \$2.5 billion to support ruble: The Russian Central Bank spent \$2.5 billion over the last two months on intervention to support the ruble, reducing its foreign exchange reserves to below \$5 billion, a senior bank official said yesterday.

"It's good for the central bank to raise its currency reserves, but it means pumping rubles into the market, fueling inflation," deputy central bank chairman Alexander Khandryev told a news conference. "By cutting our reserves by \$2.5b., we have introduced a stabilizing element into the economy," he said.

The ruble fell to a record low of 2,476 to the dollar on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange earlier, with the central bank refraining from intervention. Last week it dropped five percent to the previous record low of 2,460 as the central bank stayed on the sidelines.

## ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (22.9.94)			
Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.375	4.750	5.250
French franc (FF100,000)	4.250	4.500	4.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.375	4.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	4.000	4.250	4.500
Yen (10 million yen)	3.875	4.125	4.375

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (26.9.94)			
CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES	
Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Buy
U.S. dollar	3.2950	3.4080	3.2950
German mark	3.0570	3.0480	3.0570
French franc	1.9530	1.9522	1.9530
British pound	4.7850	4.8057	4.7850
Japanese yen (100)	0.0082	0.0082	0.0082
Dutch guilder	0.0057	0.0057	0.0057
Swiss franc	1.7257	1.7310	1.7257
Spanish peseta	2.2348	2.2378	2.2348
Scandinavian krona	0.4021	0.4078	0.4021
Norwegian krone	0.4418	0.4480	0.4418
Danish krone	0.4922	0.4987	0.4922
British pound	0.6125	0.6212	0.6125
Canadian dollar	2.2278	2.2388	2.2278
Australian dollar	2.2221	2.2343	2.2221
S. African rand	0.4480	0.4589	0.4480
Belgian franc (10)	0.9440	0.9541	0.9440
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7494	2.7570	2.7494
Italian lire (1000)	1.9239	1.9509	1.9239
Indonesian rupiah	—	—	—
Irish punt	3.8958	3.9778	3.8958
Spanish peseta (100)	4.8788	4.9447	4.8788
Portuguese escudo	2.3401	2.3730	2.3401

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## Deutsche Bank defends actions to rescue MG

FRANKFURT (Reuters) — Germany's largest bank Deutsche Bank AG yesterday lashed out in self-defense against criticism from leading US economists that it had severely mishandled this year's crisis at Metallgesellschaft AG.

Deutsche Bank AG board member Ronald Schmitz, who also heads MG's supervisory board, firmly rejected suggestions that the supervisors had overreacted when MG plunged into billions of marks of losses on risky US oil deals.

Deutsche Bank, a major MG shareholder and the company's largest creditor, spearheaded a DM3.4 billion (\$2.2 billion) bank and shareholder rescue operation in January.

Shares in MG have plummeted since two top US economists, Nobel prizewinner Merton Miller and Steve Hanks, said in reports carried in the *Economist* and *Forbes* magazines that panic action by the supervisors had made matters worse for MG.

MG shares dropped 11 percent for a second day running in yesterday's bourse trade, closing DM 14.70 lower at 118.50.

The shares, which were at DM 450 last November before the crisis broke, had closed on Friday at DM 149.

Deutsche Bank was also down DM 5 at 687.50 yesterday on wor-

ries about its involvement at MG. In a further sign of the extent of MG's troubles, the company said yesterday it had sold 3.6% of its stake in environmental group BUS, taking its holding below 50%.

Industry sources said the value of this move was that MG would no longer have to consolidate loss-making BUS into its already battered 1993/94 balance sheet.

MG's financial year ends on Friday.

Schmitz, who made his remarks to a small group of German newspaper reporters, came under heavy criticism earlier this year for not spotting the huge problems at MG earlier.

Small shareholders, who found it unbelievable that Germany's 14th largest company could almost slip into bankruptcy unnoticed by its major institutional shareholders, have repeatedly called for Schmitz's resignation.

In his remarks, Schmitz rejected the suggestion that Deutsche had panicked when it discovered the extent of MG's problems saying there had been no alternative to the quick unwinding of MG's oil contract positions held in the US.

A sharp fall in the oil price late last year left MG facing calls for huge extra securities, or margin calls, from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

## Japanese trade minister arrives in US for last-ditch trade talks

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Japanese Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto flew into town yesterday in a last-ditch drive to avert a sanctions showdown at the end of the week.

President Clinton has given Tokyo until Friday to open a series of its markets or risk punitive strikes on everything from cars to glass.

"Every option is on the table," a US official said. "But somehow they have to deal with the fact that the last minute, so who can say until you've seen your opponent's last hand."

Right now, aides are betting on a partial deal and partial sanctions, but that could well shift as the deadline nears.

"We're trying to narrow the gap

and we feel some movement from their side. But somehow they have a tactical way of handling business which is not helpful," said one Japanese official. "We're already at the very final stages so we don't need these tactics and game playing."

Seeking to break the deadlock — and perhaps play on his strong personal rapport with US Trade Rep-

resentative Mickey Kantor — Hashimoto staged a surprise, last-minute visit.

"We'll make efforts," Hashimoto said upon landing here. "We don't know how it will turn out." Commenting on the US sanctions threat, the Japanese trade chief told reporters: "We will try to keep that from happening. That's why I'm here."

## Workers strike at key GM parts complex

DETROIT (Reuters) — More than 11,000 hourly workers at General Motors Corp.'s Buick City auto complex in Flint, Michigan, walked off the job yesterday, the automaker said, a move that could threaten operations at other plants.

In a brief statement, Buick City plant manager Tim Lee said members of United Auto Workers Union Local 599 stopped working after both sides failed to reach an agreement.

The union is protesting GM's reluctance to hire more full-time workers and address several health and safety issues.

Because GM operates many of its plants on a just-in-time delivery process, a strike at Buick City threatens to halt production at dozens of GM factories. Auto industry analysts say a lengthy strike

could cost GM millions of dollars in lost sales.

"We're disappointed with this action but remain hopeful that resolution can soon be achieved," Lee said.

The Buick City complex builds the Oldsmobile Eighty-Eight, Buick LeSabre and Park Avenue cars, as well as numerous parts and components.

A strike last month at a parts plant in Indiana was settled in three days, but not before more than a dozen assembly plants were forced to shut down.

At issue is GM's reluctance to hire new workers.

GM officials say the automaker believes it has enough people on the payroll to satisfy the market's demand for cars and trucks. But union officials say GM has not hired any new workers since 1985,

and that many hourly employees are working almost 57 hours a week in overtime just to keep up.

On Monday, GM executive vice president William Hoglund said the automaker cannot afford to hire more permanent workers.

"We got into a situation in 1985, where we hired everybody and then negotiated lifetime benefits and we just can't afford that kind of fixed cost structure," he said. "We realize that we have to work together with the union to get ourselves competitive in the longer term and we obviously have some work to do in terms of labor management relationships."

"But the problem we're having in some of our component operations is we're building inside the company at UAW-automotive labor rates and competing against outside companies that are non-

UAW-represented at 50 percent of the hourly costs. You just can't compete that way."

GM has tried to reduce its payroll through early-retirement deals and lucrative transfers that offer laid-off workers \$60,000 to move to understaffed factories.

However, the deals have attracted few takers.

To keep GM plants running this summer, the automaker hired about 7,000 temporary workers. Now the UAW is asking GM to let those workers go or make them full-time.

Since 1991, GM has shaved about 52,000 jobs from its payroll. But industry experts say GM needs to cut at least 20,000 more jobs from its US hourly payroll of about 247,000 people to match Ford Motor Co.'s level of productivity.

## IMF, World Bank try to keep pace with new global order

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Founded 50 years ago to rebuild the global economy after World War II, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank are confronted by a new economic order that threatens to pass them by.

"The global economy has undergone dramatic changes," a high-powered advisory commission headed by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker said in a report earlier this year. "It is timely to ask whether [the International Monetary Fund and World Bank] are up to the challenges ahead."

As the two groups prepare for their joint annual meeting starting this week in Madrid, it's not entirely clear that they are. An explosion of foot-loose private capital has at times dwarfed their efforts to manage the world economy and promote economic development.

The IMF was left watching helplessly from the sidelines as a speculative onslaught nearly blew apart the European Monetary System last

banks and financial institutions. Created in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire in 1944, largely by Britain and the United States, the IMF and World Bank are also struggling to cope with the increased clout of the emerging economies of the developing world — from China to Chile.

At the IMF, the stresses and strains have led to a campaign to return the fund to its original role as policeman of the world economy whose advice reverberates not only in developing countries but also in industrial nations.

Finance ministers and central bank chiefs from the fund's 178 member nations will discuss at the annual meeting giving the IMF's Interim Committee a greater role in global policymaking in what could be the first step down that path.

In the parlance of the IMF, that would mean strengthened fund surveillance of industrial countries' economies and a more central role for it in the policy-making processes of the powerful Group of Seven — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the US.

By acting as arbiter among the industrial nations, proponents argue that the IMF could help avoid a repeat of last year's damaging European currency crisis and put the world economy on a sounder footing.

Some analysts, such as influential US economist Fred Bergsten, have even proposed estab-

lishment of target zones for currencies with the IMF at the center of the system.

So far, G7 nations, with the exception of France, have shown little interest in such schemes, largely because they would mean ceding some power to the technocrats of the IMF.

At the same time, though, many of those same industrial countries, strapped by bulging budget deficits, are looking to the IMF — and the World Bank — to step up their lending to such global economic trouble spots as Russia.

That could mean that the bank ends up concentrating its lending on those nations considered the world's basket cases, while the private sector skims off lucrative business in the rapidly emerging countries of the developing world.

Shackled by rules that prevent it from lending to anyone but governments, the bank has been unable to play a leading role in the rapid growth of the private sector in many developing countries.

World Bank President Lewis Preston has sought to correct that by expanding the bank's ability to guarantee loans by commercial banks to the developing world and by beefing up an affiliate that specializes in promoting the private sector.

In turn, he's tried to refocus the bank's efforts to improve social services and directly help the poor in developing nations.

## FTSE closes up 8.7 points

### WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) — Equities ended higher as hopes grew that the US Federal Reserve may delay increasing interest rates following yesterday's Federal Open Market Committee meeting.

But dealers and strategists said the modest gains could be short-lived, even if the Fed leaves rates unchanged near-term. The FTSE 100 index closed up 8.7 points at 3,008.5.

FRANKFURT — The German DAX index closed the bourse session lower. Traders see the Fed raising rates by 25 to 50 basis points but are divided on the likely impact on the bourse.

The DAX index ended down 9.94 points at 2,058.73. In post-bourse trade the index fell 0.94 to 2,056.89.

PARIS — French shares ended off, barely changed after a technical bounce at the opening in this trading. The market was marking time ahead of the Fed meeting, traders said. The CAC-40 index closed down 1.44 at 1,901.28.

ZURICH — Swiss shares ended a quiet session little changed with a weaker bias as the market waited for the outcome of the central bank meeting in the US.

The broad SPI closed 2.30 points lower at 1,711.17.

TOKYO — Stocks ended sharply

lower, with the Nikkei average falling below a psychologically important 19,500 level for the first time since April 4, when it closed at 19,122.22.

The 225-share Nikkei average finished down 345.47 points to 19,468.89.

HONG KONG — Shares closed weaker but off lows in drowsy trading, with sentiment remaining hostage to US interest rate rise fears, players said. The blue-chip Hang Seng index fell 33.39 points to end at 9,610.24, off a low of 9,577.28 hit in the afternoon.

SYDNEY — The Australian sharemarket closed down on reasonable volume. Dealers said the local market was nervous ahead of the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee meeting.

The All Ordinaries Index closed 16.2 points lower at 2,013.8.

JOHANNESBURG — Shares attracted late interest after hefty declines so far this week to climb off lows but remain down on the day, dealers said. They said investors were seeing value after percentage declines in key stocks, with a late gold rise offering support.

The overall index closed off at 5,582, the gold index was 26 softer at 2,422 and the industrial index closed down 39 points at 6,164.

## Blue chip stocks gain after no action from Fed

### WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Blue chip stocks closed higher yesterday after the policy-making arm of the Federal Reserve ended a closely watched meeting with no announcement of an interest rate increase.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 13.80 points higher at 3,863.04. In the broader market, declining issues led advances 1,167 to 1,006 on New York Stock Exchange volume of 290 million shares.

Analysts said the blue chip market regained some of the ground it lost last week on speculation the inflation-fighting Fed would raise interest rates for a sixth time this year.

Following a four-hour meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, a Fed spokesman said there would be no announcement on interest rates — a sign analysts viewed as meaning that interest rate changes are on hold for now.

"The FOMC meeting ended at 1:00 p.m. EDT. There will be no further announcement," Fed spokesman Joe Coyne said in a terse statement.

Still, analysts believe a rate hike is likely, possibly as early as October and maybe at the next FOMC meeting November 15.

In the bond market, the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 7/32, while its yield rose to 7.85

percent from 7.80% at Monday's close.

Gold, used as an inflation hedge, rallied through the psychological barrier of \$400 an ounce. The December contract on New York's Commodity Exchange, closed at \$401.40 an ounce, its highest level since August 1993.

Analysts said investors bought stocks in large, economically sensitive cyclical companies. Among economically sensitive, Dow Jones component stocks, International Paper Co. rose 3/8 to 79, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. gained 7/8 to 33, while Du Pont Co. rose 1/4 to 37-3/4.

Analysts said the central bank may have given Chairman Alan Greenspan discretion to tighten credit in October if economic data shows inflation pressures building in the economy.

The Standard & Poor's composite index of 500 stocks rose 1.23 to 462.05. The American Stock Exchange index was off 0.36 to 453.42.

The NYSE Composite index of all listed common stocks rose 0.48 of a point to 254.87. The average share was up 6 cents. The Nasdaq index ended down 0.26 to 753.37.

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index — the market value of NYSE, American and Nasdaq issues — was 4,582.405 up 7.162, or 0.16%.

## CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFR	FF
MARK	—	0.410208	0.828487	3.414550
STERLING	2.435181	—	2.016268	8.309248
YEN	1.571629	0.845258	—	1.301623
SFR	1.206176	0.495180	78.7681	—
FF	0.282831	0.120103	18.8186	0.242428

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Key Representative Rates	
US dollar	NIS 3.0300 +0.33%
Sterling	NIS 4.7641 -0.1%
Mark	NIS 1.4493 -0.25%

New York market indexes	
DJ Industrial	3863.04 +13.80
DJ Transp	1777.77 +14.51
DJ Comp	1912.52 +10.83
NYSE Index	254.87 +0.48
NYSE Comp	254.87 +0.48
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# NHL lockout appears likely

TORONTO (AP) — The NHL season is still set to begin Saturday, night as players and fans wait to hear if commissioner Gary Bettman postpones it Friday.

Yesterday, there were strong signs that the start of the season would be delayed. The Anaheim Mighty Ducks canceled their hotel reservations in Dallas for Friday and the Boston Bruins were looking into hooking ice time for play-off hockey in July.

Bettman said a decision will be made Friday so that 12 teams have time to cancel their travel plans to opening-night destinations for Saturday's scheduled start of the season.

While Anaheim might have jumped the gun, the Bruins aren't the only team to inquire about the availability of ice in July.

"I think every team is looking to see what dates are open in July," one general manager told The Canadian Press. Had he allowed his name to be used, he could face a fine of up to \$1 million under the NHL's gag rule.

Bettman arrived at the NHL Player's Association office yesterday for a morning meeting with Bob Goodenow, the union's executive director.

One insider said "nothing was accomplished" during five hours of negotiations Monday.

"It is very clear we have a wide difference of opinion," said Goodenow. "I think unless there is flexibility (shown by owners), there will be a serious problem."

The threat of a lockout is definitely on the minds of those in the hockey world.

In Vancouver, Canucks coach Rick Ley said the postponement

threat has been a distraction to the players.

"They're not quite as intense," said Ley. "It's (the threatened postponement) a big distraction. You hope, with the uncertainties, the players aren't letting up, physically and mentally."

Negotiators for owners and players met in large and small groups trying to find common ground for a collective bargaining agreement on two of three key issues — a tax to help small market teams and salary arbitration.

The NHL is proposing to tax teams which exceed the league's average salary (approximately \$16 million in 1993-94). The money would be pooled to help small-market teams.

Players resist the proposal because they feel it is a salary cap.

"I do not believe in a salary cap in any way, shape or form in any occupation," said Kings goalie Kelly Hrudey.

Players have proposed a five percent tax on salaries and revenues, with the money (they say) will be \$40 million being pooled to help small-market teams. The NHL opposes this because it feels it does not address the issue of escalating salaries.

It's obvious both sides are entrenched.

"We will not be pressured into any kind of an agreement because of a pending lockout," said Goodenow. "It will work itself out and whatever course it takes, it takes."

Both Bettman and Goodenow agreed that there is no need to bring in a third party to try and resolve the dispute.

A work stoppage would be the second in the NHL.

# Bills beat winless Broncos, 27-20

BUFFALO — Thurman Thomas scored two touchdowns in less than two minutes late in the second quarter before leaving with an injury and the Buffalo Bills held on to defeat the winless Denver Broncos, 27-20 on Monday.

Thomas scored the Bills' first touchdown in three games on a 16-yard run in the second quarter to give Buffalo a 10-7 lead.

Denver's John Elway fumbled on the Broncos' ensuing possession, and Thomas scampered 27 yards down the near sideline on the Bills' first play for a 10-point Buffalo lead.

Thomas left the game early in the third quarter with an apparent injury to his right knee.

Carroll Gardner scored on a 3-yard run just 1:42 into the third quarter as Buffalo (3-1) built a 24-7 lead.

Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly completed 16-of-26 passes for 178 yards.

Denver (0-4) mounted a comeback attempt when Leonard Russell capped a nine-play, 57-yard drive with a two-yard plunge, bringing the Broncos within 10 points. Jason Elam, who missed his first field goal of the season in the first quarter, added a 28-yard kick to bring Denver within 24-17.

Elam booted a 43-yarder with 7:21 left in the fourth quarter, as the Broncos closed within a touchdown.

Denver looked like it might tie the game when Elway completed a fourth-and-five, 25-yard pass over the middle to Shannon Sharpe, putting the ball on the Buffalo 24-yard line with 2:56 remaining.

Sharpe caught four passes for 90 yards.

The Broncos got the ball down to the five-yard line, but a one-yard run by Russell forced a fourth-and-two, and Elway's pass attempt sailed through the end zone with seconds remaining, essentially ending the game.

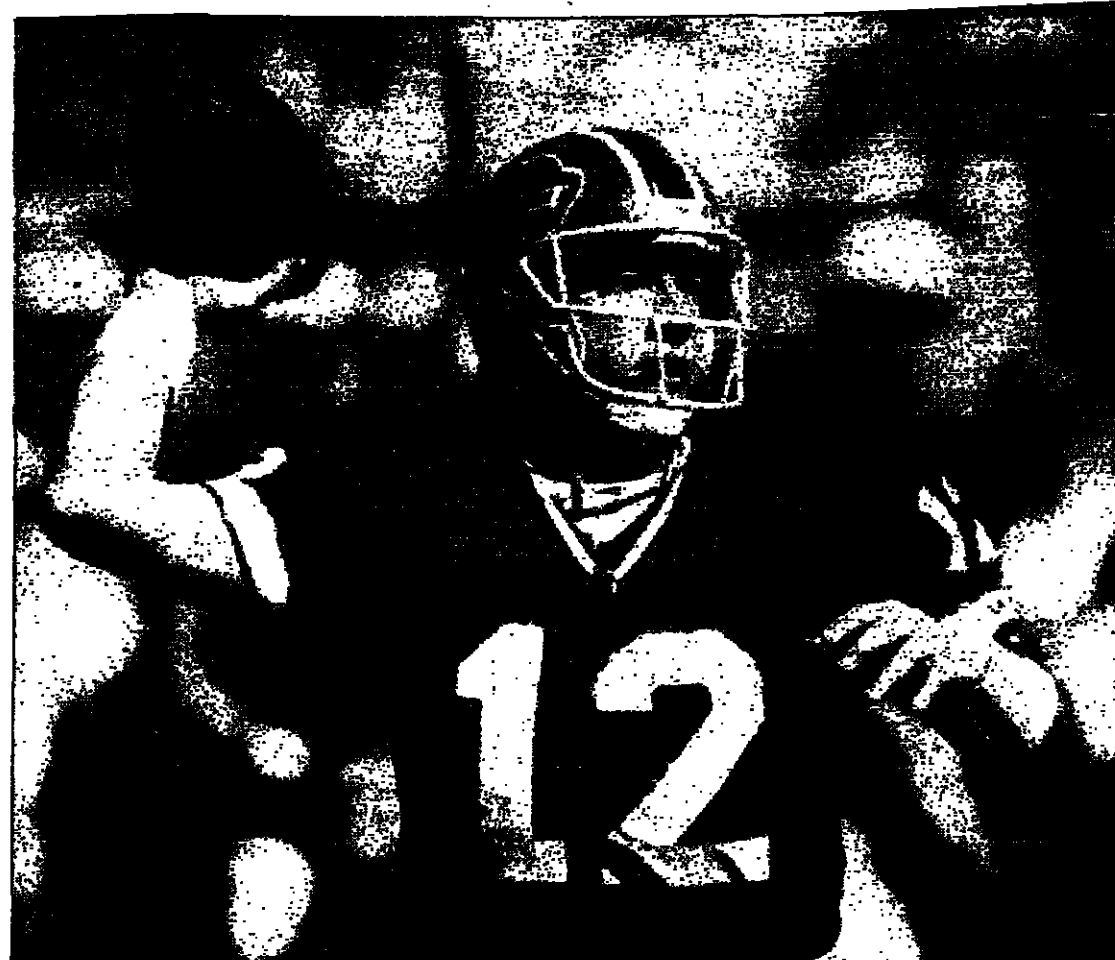
Denver is 0-4 for the first time since 1964 — matching its worst start ever.

Rams 16, Chiefs 0  
Jerome Bettis rushed for 132 yards on 35 carries and the Rams became the first team to beat Joe Montana in seven starts at Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday.

Montana, who was intercepted three times, completed 18 of 37 passes for 175 yards.

Chris Chandler threw a 72-yard touchdown pass to Willie "Flipper" Anderson and Tony Zendejas kicked field goals of 29, 23, and 28 yards for the Rams' points. Chandler started in place of Chris Miller, who has bruised ribs and a pinched nerve in his right shoulder.

Chargers 26, Raiders 24  
Stan Humphries led the visiting Chargers (4-0) on a long drive that ended with John Carney's 33-yard field



MAKING A PASS — Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly about to throw. (AP)

goal with two seconds left. The victory gave the Chargers the NFL's best record and their best start since 1980.

Lionel Washington gave the Raiders (1-3) a 24-23 lead when he intercepted Humphries' pass and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown with 7:01 remaining.

49ers 24, Saints 13  
Deion Sanders made his first start for the host 49ers (3-1), returning an interception 74 yards for a touchdown with 32 seconds left to kill a potential winning drive by the Saints.

Steve Young, playing behind an injury-depleted offensive line, was sacked five times but managed two touchdown throws to Jerry Rice.

New Orleans (1-3) led 13-10 at halftime, turning a botched punt into a touchdown drive and a Young interception into a field goal.

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times, three times in the final quarter, by the host Seahawks.

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Scottie Graham's three-yard touchdown run with 7:25 left snapped a tie and thwarted a four-touchdown comeback attempt by Dan Marino.

The best Vikings (3-1) won their third straight game despite blowing a 28-0 lead.

Marino was 29-of-54 for 426 yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions. Marino has two 400-yard games this season after not compiling one since 1989.

Bears 19, Jets 7  
Lewis Tillman scored two touchdowns and gained 96 yards on 32 carries for visiting Chicago (2-2).

Not even a team-record 90-yard run by Johnny Johnson could help the Jets (2-2), who lost two fumbles, missed two field goals and saw quarterback Boomer Esiason sidelined with a sprained ankle after being sacked in the third quarter.

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# Swedish part-timers eliminate Blackburn

LONDON (Reuter) — Blackburn Rovers, assembled by owner Jack Walker for nearly £30 million was dumped out of the UEFA Cup yesterday by Swedish part-timers Trelleborg, which had only 10 men for most of the second half.

A dramatic first-round, second-leg match ended in a 2-2 draw, with both teams scoring in the last seven minutes, but Trelleborg went through 3-2 on aggregate after winning the first leg 1-0 in England two weeks ago.

While Trelleborg caused a huge upset, there were expected wins for UEFA Cup contenders Newcastle United of England, which beat Royal Antwerp of Belgium 5-2 for a 10-2 aggregate victory; Kaiserslautern of Germany, which beat Akranes of Iceland 4-0 (8-1 on aggregate); and Cannes, one of this season's surprises in the French League, which won 5-1 against Fenerbahce in Turkey for a 9-1 aggregate victory.

Yesterday's UEFA Cup results: (first round, second leg)  
In Bucharest: Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 3, Trabzonspor (Turkey) 3. Score: Dinamo Bucharest 7-0. Attendance: 7,000. Trabzonspor won 5-4 on aggregate.

In Anjalomskoi, Finland: MyPa (Finland) 1, Boreas (Finland) 0. Score: MyPa 2-0. Attendance: 3,616. Boreas won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Bekesceba: Bekesceba (Hungary) 1, Tselchik Kanychne (Russia) 0. Score: Bekesceba 2-0. Attendance: 2,000. Tselchik won 6-2 on aggregate.

In Frankfurt: Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany) 2, SCT Olympia (Slovenia) 0. Score: Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0. Attendance: 6,000. Frankfurt won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Prague: Slavia Prague (Czech Republic) 2, AIK Solna (Sweden) 2. Score: Slavia 4-2. Attendance: 6,329. Slavia won 5-3 on aggregate.

In Istanbul: Fenerbahce (Turkey) 1, Cannes (France) 0. Score: Fenerbahce 1-0. Attendance: 30,000. Cannes won 9-1 on aggregate.

In Oslo: Lillestrom (Norway) 0, Bordeaux (France) 2. Score: Bordeaux 2-0. Attendance: 2,003. Bordeaux won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Riga: Skonto Riga (Latvia) 0, Napoli (Italy) 1. Score: Napoli 1-0. Attendance: 2,589. Napoli won 3-0 on aggregate.

In Nantes: Nantes (France) 3, Rotor Volgograd (Russia) 0. Score: Nantes 3-0. Attendance: 25,000. Nantes won 5-3 on aggregate.

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# Upbeat diagnosis from Treasury in Clalit talks

JUDY SIEGEL

"A CERTAIN amount of progress" was reached on Monday by ministers and Kupat Holim Clalit and Histadrut officials in talks about the financially troubled health fund, according to the Treasury spokeswoman.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, Health Minister Ephraim Saeh, Histadrut chairman Haim Ramon and Clalit chairman Prof. Dan Michaeli will meet again in Jerusalem tonight.

Among the issues resolved was the accounting system for calculating hospitalization costs owed by government and Clalit hospitals to each other.

The spokeswoman said that a professional team would consider possible solutions to the other problems prior to tonight's meeting. These include the transfer of Clalit's 12 hospitals to government ownership and other aspects of the health fund's recovery program, which must be approved by the workers before it is implemented. In any case, only the property will be transferred, and the staff will not become government employees, the Treasury spokeswoman said.

The government and the Histadrut disagree on the size of the health fund's deficit for 1994, and the gap is some NIS 250 million. The two sides also differ on how the deficit will be subsidized. The government insists that Clalit reduce its costs by NIS300m. by 1995. The health fund's accumulated debt is estimated at between NIS 4.5-5 billion in 1994 shekels.

The government will continue to help Clalit finance new infrastructure in the 12 hospitals. Regarding accounting for hospitalization costs, the two sides agreed to a ceiling of payments by Clalit to the government hospital system.

## Histadrut, government charged with 'selling out the workers'

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut and the government are secretly concocting a package deal which will "sell out the workers," the Joint Arab-Jewish list charged yesterday.

The list, which is part of the Histadrut coalition, accused Chairman Haim Ramon of keeping the details of the deal "close to his vest" to hide the fact that the workers would be its victims.

The Histadrut yesterday confirmed for the first time that its leadership is engaged in negotiations with the government to formulate a new package deal. Trade Union Department head Amir Peretz, who last week said the Histadrut would not agree to slashing cost-of-living raises, yesterday said that the talks concerning a package deal would now enter high gear.

Histadrut spokeswoman Rahel Blustein confirmed that Ramon and the Treasury are negotiating over a new package deal, but said the Histadrut is still examining the Treasury's proposals.

One of the Joint List's leaders, Jihad Akel, said that the Treasury intends to eliminate the COL raise, which has provided workers with partial compensation for inflation.

The COL agreement expires on December 31, and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat is demanding a cut of 2 percent in the next COL raise, due in February's paycheck. Since the next COL raise is estimated at 2.5%, if the Histadrut agrees to Shohat's demands, that will be the end of the COL agreement altogether, Akel noted.

He blasted Shohat's proposal to compensate workers for the reduction of the COL raise by reducing taxes, such as the health tax or payments to the National Insurance Institute, stressing that "these proposals are intended to deceive the workers and distract them from the planned elimination of the COL raise system."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Cabinet to ratify tax treaty with US

The cabinet today is expected to ratify the Israel-US double taxation avoidance treaty, which the US Senate approved last Friday, without any reservations, the Treasury reported yesterday.

The treaty, which will become effective at the beginning of next year, will facilitate US investment here, as well as Israeli investments in the US. Provisions to enforce tax compliance will require both governments to share information, although, according to the Israeli authorities, on a limited basis.

#### Gur meets with president of Philippines

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur completed a five-day trip to the Philippines on Sunday, during which he met with President Fidel Ramos and senior political and defense officials. Gur held discussions with his hosts on increasing cooperation between the two countries. He also warned of the dangers inherent in the rise of international terrorism encouraged by Iran, and called on the Philippines to join an international front to prevent this.

During his talks with Gur, Ramos recalled his earlier good relations with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, which began in 1963 when Rabin, then the chief of general staff, visited the Philippines. More recently, the two met last November. Ramos also expressed his thanks for the agricultural cooperation between the two states.

#### Bananas cost less this year

The price of bananas is about half that of last year, Nuriel Sarim, director of marketing for the Agriculture Ministry, reported on Monday.

He said the wholesale price is about NIS 2 a kilo and the retail price, NIS 3.5-NIS 4.

He attributed the decline in prices to a bumper crop, with some 100,000 tons being produced this year, as opposed to only 60 tons last year. *Itim*



Author Herman Wouk (center), who is to be honored tonight by Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, chats with staff there.

## Herman Wouk to be honored by Shaare Zedek

Jerusalem Post Staff

PULITZER Prize-winning author Herman Wouk will receive the Ot Hanagid award from Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital tonight.

He will be cited for his "great contribution to literature and his abiding love for the Jewish people and the city of Jerusalem."

Hundreds of contributors are expected to attend a dinner in his honor at the Jerusalem Sheraton Hotel, the proceeds of which will benefit the hospital's neonatal intensive care department and its newly expanded mother-and-infant center.

Wouk was born in New York City in 1915 to Russian-Jewish immigrant parents. His works, many of which try to explain Judaism to the non-Jewish world and promote tolerance and understanding of its precepts, have been translated into 28 languages. Wouk is among the most widely read living American writers.

Among his books are *The Caine Mutiny*, *Marjorie Morningstar*, *This is My God*, *Inside, Outside*, *The Winds of War*, and *War and Remembrance*.

His most recent works are a novel, *The Glory*, and *The Hope*, a fictional account that documents the Yom Kippur War, the Entebbe rescue, and the air strike on the Iraqi nuclear reactor at Osirak. Several of his novels have been made into successful films, plays, and TV series.

Wouk was also a staff writer for comedian Fred Allen and a screenwriter who sold war bonds in Washington. His World War II experiences in the US Navy served as a basis for several of his books.

His wife of 49 years, Betty Sarah, was his editor and manuscript assistant throughout his career and now serves as his literary agent. They have two married sons, one of whom lives here.

## Fan short-circuits, elderly invalid dies in Bat Yam fire

INVESTIGATORS probing the cause of a fatal midnight fire on Sunday in Bat Yam have provisionally determined that it was caused by a short-circuit in a fan.

David Greenberg, 87, burned to death in his wheelchair. His wife, Irma, 83, who was sleeping in the next room of the first-floor flat, was blocked from reaching him by flames and smoke and barely managed to escape from the blazing apartment building.

Investigators found Greenberg's

charred body in the remains of his wicker chair. Preliminary investigation indicates that a short-circuit in the fan beside his bed sparked the fire, which was confined to his room. The other two rooms of the apartment suffered only smoke damage.

Fire and Rescue Commissioner Shlomo Cohen endorsed the preliminary findings, which were released yesterday by the commander of the Holon/Bat Yam Fire Department, Avi Peretz. The local chief said that fire engines arrived at the burning building within three minutes of receiving the alarm.

But by the time firefighters arrived, Greenberg's room was a blazing inferno. There was no possibility of saving him, Peretz said.

Four residents of the three-story building who live upstairs from the Greenbergs suffered from mild smoke inhalation and were taken by ambulance to Wolfson Hospital in Holon.

The investigation is expected to

be concluded soon and the findings presented within a week. The commission is charged with evaluating two issues: the cause of the blaze and the performance of the firefighters.

It is the second special commission of inquiry appointed by Commissioner Cohen this week. In Tel Aviv, a commission is still investigating last Friday's fire at Bank Leumi's international division, in which secretary Irma Tzarfat, 61, died and 10 other workers were injured. *(Itim)*

## Immigrant trickster caught after claiming rights twice

A TEL AVIV man has been accused of fraudulently obtaining citizenship by claiming to be married to two different women.

Mark Kozinazov, 28, entered Israel twice, each time claiming to be married to a different woman, thereby obtaining two sets of new immigrant status for them, including an absorption basket and customs rights totaling NIS 11,000.

According to the indictment, Kozinazov sought the help of individuals specializing in fraudulently bringing people who do not warrant such status into the country as immigrants.

The "specialists" then take a cut of the benefits the "new immigrants" receive, and when they leave the country, their identification documents are used by gang

members for other purposes.

Kozinazov told police he slept on the beach after hearing the Absorption Ministry was trying to track him down. He was arrested after Absorption Ministry officials managed to convince him that if he came to their offices, he would get immigrant benefits beyond the usual period during which they are granted. *(Itim)*

## French chief of staff arrives today

ALON PINKAS

FRENCH Chief of General Staff, Adm. Jacques Lanxade, will arrive today on a five-day official visit as a guest of Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak.

In the first visit of its kind in over 30 years, Lanxade will be welcomed in a full military ceremony in the IDF General Headquarters in Tel Aviv. He is scheduled to visit all branches of the IDF, and will be briefed by Barak,

senior army officers and Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry.

Lanxade, who will be accompanied by his wife and top aides, will also visit Yad Vashem and lay a wreath on behalf of the French military.

Lanxade began his service in 1952 in the naval academy. He was appointed chief of general staff in 1991. *Itim*

## Police officer cleared

RAFI Rahav, deputy chief of the Northern Police District, has been cleared of charges he removed a document from an officer's file. The Justice Ministry's police investigations division found he had committed no crime. Several months ago police received anonymous complaints and a letter from a policeman who has since left the force. Investigators determined that the policeman, who had been transferred by Rahav, was the source of all the complaints. *Itim*

## Winning cards

In Monday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, eight of hearts, king of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

The Christians are on a week-long pilgrimage organized by the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

## Whole lotta Lotto

LOTTO fever has gripped the nation, with special preparations being made by Mifal Hapayis to handle the crush of ticket-buyers expected to try their luck at winning the NIS 15 million first prize.

Ticket vendors have been advised to take on extra help to deal with the crush, and the police have been asked to increase patrols around vendors' booths.

Meter-high posters have been put up at the booths, and jeeps festooned with balloons advertising Lotto will drive through the nation's streets today.

Lotto booth workers will give out candy, and most booths are expected to stay open late.

A NIS 15m. first prize was offered on March 30, 1993 and NIS 36.7m. was taken in by Mifal Hapayis from the public, with more than three million forms filled in. There were four winners, one from Ramat Gan, one from Netanya, one from Sderot, and one from Herzliya.

Last January 25, a NIS 17m. first prize was announced, which eventually grew to NIS 21.9m. and was split by winners from Ashdod, Tel Aviv, and Yeroham. *(Itim)*

## Christians repent for Holocaust

Jerusalem Post Staff

ABOUT 4,000 Christian fundamentalists here for the annual Feast of Tabernacles held a ceremony at Yad Vashem Monday to repent for the murder of six million Jews in the Nazi Holocaust of World War Two.

"We are confessors to the guilt of our nations and the guilt we have as Christians. We are ready to face the guilt of our forefathers. We will not stop asking forgiveness from the Jewish people," said Christian Stephan, representing a German group of pilgrims.

"It is not within our power to help the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust," he added. "But we are able to help Jews all over the world, and especially the State of Israel."

The ceremony was the first of its kind 14 years. Many participants were emotional and on the point of tears as they listened to speeches and evangelical songs praising Israel.

"If only there were more people like you in Europe in the 1930s. But there were not enough righteous Christians then," said Rena Quint, a Holocaust survivor.

"We are not under any illusions that the world loves us. There are many people who hate us. But we have a state now and we have an army," she added.

The Christians are on a week-long pilgrimage organized by the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

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## Hefetz attends Interpol meet

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WITH hopes of improving the battle against illicit drugs, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz leaves for Rome today to participate in the annual Interpol conference.

The two-week gathering includes police representatives from the over 100 nations belonging to the International Criminal Police Organization.

Law enforcement coordination in containing drug trade is one of the conference's major objectives, an Israeli Police spokesman said.

The war on drugs is also to be the major subject of talks between Hefetz and Turkish police brass during his scheduled visit to Turkey at the end of the conference. The Turkish police chief invited Hefetz to review the activities of Turkish narcotics squads and other anti-drug operations, the spokesman said.

In Rome, meanwhile, Hefetz is slated to meet with the Italian police inspector-general.

For the first time, an Israeli police officer is heading one of the regional groups within Interpol at the conference. The officer, Deputy Commander Etti Yavnin, left for Rome earlier this week to prepare for the conference at which she will represent the Asian group. Yavnin's election to the post came as a surprise earlier this year, and was due in part to the support she received from a number of Arab states.

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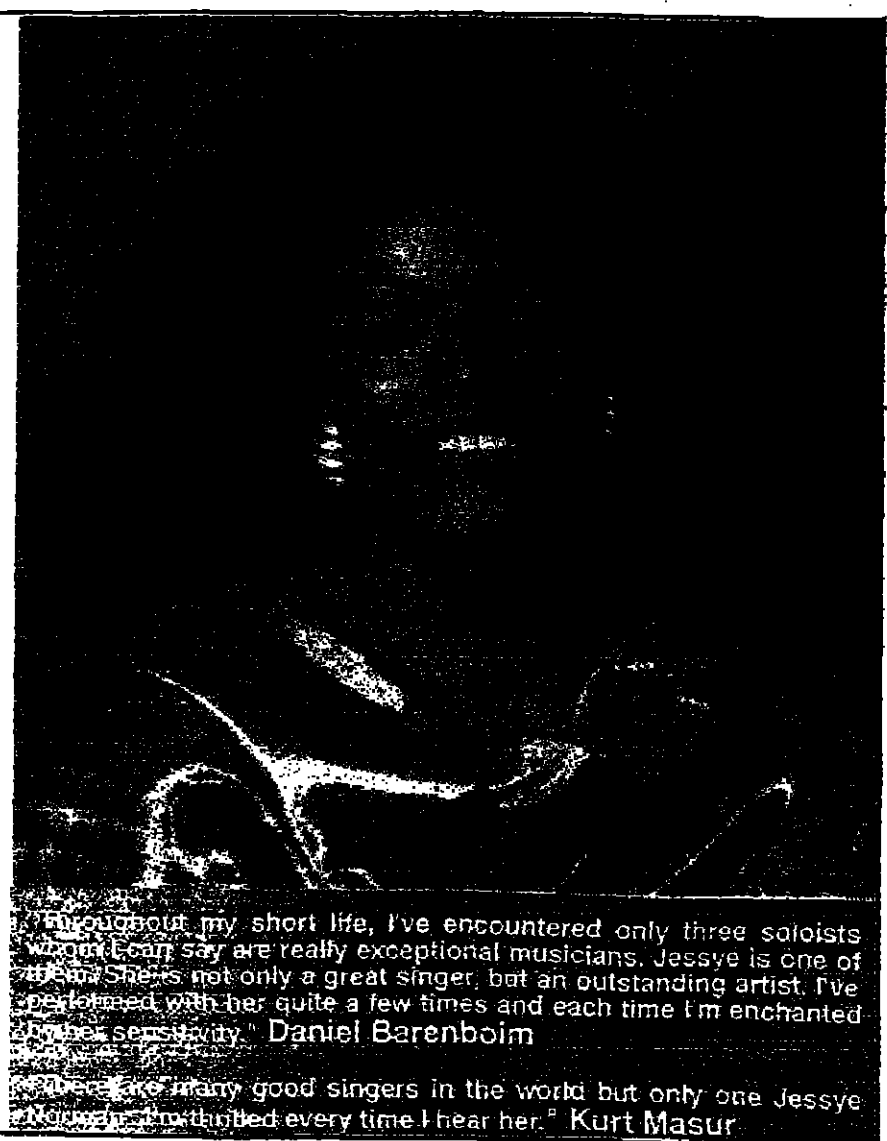
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